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DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICERS**Elected Officers**

Moderator

Clifford R. Howe

*Robert L. Eckert to fill vacancy caused by death of
Clifford R. Howe

Selectmen

J. Arthur Ollis Ralph L. Buzzell Kenneth E. Haskell

Board of Public Welfare

J. Arthur Ollis Hazen M. Emery Ellen M. Wallace

Assessors

Alvin F. Heath	Term expires 1955
Clifford R. Howe	Term expires 1954
George B. Crofut	Term expires 1953

*Chester E. Whiting to fill vacancy caused by death
of Clifford R. Howe

Town Clerk

C. Howard Phillips

Tax Collector

Wilfred G. Journey Term expires 1955

Town Treasurer

Roy C. Journey

Municipal Light Commissioners

William H. Franklin	Term expires 1955
Norman E. Taylor	Term expires 1954
Ulysses N. Corson	Term expires 1953

Municipal Water Commissioners

William H. Franklin	Term expires 1955
Norman E. Taylor	Term expires 1954
Ulysses N. Corson	Term expires 1953

School Committee

Alfred E. Lambert	Term expires 1955
Russell B. Kelly	Term expires 1954
Howard L. DeLong	Term expires 1953

Trustees of Cemetery

Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1955
Arthur R. Clark	Term expires 1954
Clifton V. Bixby	Term expires 1953

Trustees of Public Library

Alvin F. Heath	Term expires 1955
Robert L. Eckert	Term expires 1955
Grace F. Gibbs	Term expires 1954
Burnell S. O'Brien	Term expires 1954
Barbara N. Adams	Term expires 1953
Edward C. Gibbons	Term expires 1953

Trustees of Kimball Park

*Frank J. Russo	Term expires 1954
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1953

*Arthur D. Lockwood appointed to March 1953 to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Frank Russo

Rev. Donald J. Selby appointed to March 1953 to fill vacancy caused by failure to elect March 1952

Playground Commission

George D. Currier	Term expires 1957
George H. K. Nicol	Term expires 1956
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1955
Merrill B. Smith	Term expires 1954
George J. P. Stevens	Term expires 1953

Constables

Alexander M. Sullivan George R. Buzzell
Ronald C. Sarasin

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark

Ralph L. Buzzell Richard E. Sargent
Robert L. Eckert

Tree Warden

Harold C. Lamb

Civil Service Tenure Chief of Police

Maurice Carey, Constable

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Night Watchman

Fred A. Smith, Constable

Special Police Officers

Alexander M. Sullivan

Thomas Chaff

Clarence O. Libby	James L. Howe (Grange Hall)
Herman Currier	George W. Goldsmith
Leon L. Dow	Ronald C. Sarasin
George R. Buzzell	John F. McCarron
Harold M. Waterhouse (cattle crossing)	George J. P. Stevens
John P. Gilmore (Pumping Station)	James H. Christie
Irvine G. Burbeck (Light & Water Dept.)	Albert W. Lord
Harold Mooney (Light & Water Work)	Merrill B. Smith
George Keller (Light & Water Work)	William Andrews
Roscoe Child	Kenneth E. Haskell

Sworn Weighers

Byron Sargent	Mrs. Isobel Knight
George L. Sargent	John A. Hutchins
Ralph L. Buzzell	David Stewart
Kenneth E. Haskell	Robert L. Eckert

Fence Viewers

A. Palmer Sargent	William J. Battis
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Inspector of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering

John A. Hutchins

Inspector of Wiring

Ulysses N. Corson

Moth Superintendent

Harold C. Lamb

Burial Agent

Charles J. Vincent

Veterans Service Officer

Charles J. Vincent

Town Forest Committee

Russell B. Kelly	Term expires 1955
Harold C. Lamb	Term expires 1954
James T. Colgan	Term expires 1953

Registrars of Voters

C. Howard Phillips

James P. Flynn

George Gulezian

Bernard Hume

Janitor of Town Hall

Guy Sheldon

Veterans Agent

J. Arthur Ollis

Agent of Board of Health

W. Harold Whiting

Superintendent of Streets

Albert W. Lord

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Merrill B. Smith

Dog Officer

Harold C. Lamb

Health Nurse

Cecile Sargent

Town Accountant

W. Harold Whiting

Director of Civil Defense

Parker T. Walton

Forest Fire Warden

George R. Buzzell

Engineers of Fire Department

George R. Buzzell

Elmer T. Grant

Glen I. Blackden

Election Officers

Mary D. Flynn

Mellisa Buzzell

Mary A. Flynn

Marjorie Staples

Nora Dwyer

Marjorie Jarolman

Mary Casazza

Alfreda Lovell

Yvonne Donahue

Grace Clark

Elaine Noone

Edna Harrington

MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

Emergency fire alarm telephone number 2211.

Emergency phone 2211 should be used for fire calls only. If for any reason line is out of order, dial operator and ask for EMERGENCY OPERATOR.

In all cases give your name and exact location of fire.

3-3 Chief's Call.

4 Mass. N. E. Bus Garage, East Main St.

5 Merrimac Square.

12 Locust St., corner of Green St.

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- 13 Main St., Opposite Forrest St.
 - 14 Main St., near residence of William H. Franklin.
 - 15 Birch Meadow Rd. and Main St., to Haverhill-Merrimac line.
 - 16 Woodland and Grove Sts.
 - 17 School and Pleasant Sts.
 - 18 School and Mill Sts.
 - 21 East Main St., opposite Skip's Snack Bar.
 - 23 East Main St., near residence of John P. Gilmore.
 - 24 Church St., opposite Maple St.
 - 25 Liberty and Mechanic Sts.
 - 26 Summer and Prospect Sts.
 - 27 Church St., near residence of Richard Powers.
 - 28 Sawyer and Nichols Sts.
 - 31 Pleasant St., Merrimacport.
 - 32 Merrimac St., near Middle Rd.
 - 34 Merrimac St., Merrimacport.
 - 35 High St., Merrimacport, near Merrimac Brass Foundry.
 - 36 Merrimac and Broad Sts., Merrimacport.
 - 41 Lower East Main St., Lake Attitash entrance.
 - 42 Lake Attitash Park at Fern Ave.
 - 51 Locust and Walnut Sts.
 - 52 Lower Locust St., to Merrimac-Haverhill Line.
 - 62 Birch Meadow Rd. and Hadley District. Tel. No. Box
 - 71 Bear Hill Rd. to Newton, N. H. Line. Tel. No. Box.
 - 72 West Shore, Lake Attitash. Tel. No. Box.
 - 74 Dance Hall, Lake Attitash. Tel. No. Box.
No Box — Call 2211.
 - 2 Recall—all out—also All Clear Air Raid.

No School Signals

- 7:15 A.M. 11-11-long pause-1. No school in grades only.
- 7:15 A.M. 11-11-11. No school in high and grade schools.
- 11:20 A.M. Same signals. One session.
- 12:30 P.M. Same signals. No school in afternoon.
- Police Call 1-1-1.
- Boy Scouts—10 Blasts.
- Red Alert for Air Raids—7-7-7. All Clear 7-1-1.

JURY LIST

The following Jury List for the calendar year beginning July 1, 1952 has been prepared by the Merrimac Selectmen in compliance with Chapter 234, Section 4 of the General Laws and adopted June 30, 1952.

Harold K. Jarolman, 96 East Main St., Painter
William F. Acorn, 51 East Main St., Salesman
Robert H. Adams, 70 West Main St., Mechanic
Arthur F. Allen, River Rd., Electrical Worker
Martin E. Anderson, Trailer Park, Salesman
Milton E. Barnes, 15 Maple St., Shoe Worker
Philip M. Belka, 26 West Main St., Furniture
Howard L. DeLong, 7 Pine St., Mechanic
Everett P. Dwinnells, Huse Rd., Auto Mechanic
Jesse E. Gleed, 74 West Main St., Gas Station
Michael J. Gilmore, 17 Locust St., Shoe Worker
Harold J. Kramer, 25 Pleasant St., Bus Driver
Winthrop W. Litchfield, 5 Summer St., Laborer
James McMasters, River Rd., Mill Worker
George S. Nelson, 46 West Main St., Painter
Ralph W. Owens, 11 West Main St., Masseur
Edmond E. Thain, Middle Rd., Electrician
Chester W. H. Streeter, 1 Mechanic St., Plumber
Elwin E. Rollins, 6 Union St., Real Estate
Ralph Goodwin, Westminster Rd., Shoe Worker
Robert C. Fryer, 68 West Main St., Salesman
Arnold F. Hargraves, 21 School St., Wood Heel
Forrest M. Lavalley, 14 West Main St., Clerk
Fred L. Spencer, 80 East Main St., Blacksmith
Edward H. Worcester, Winter St., Carpenter
Philip E. Rodier, 4 Adams St., Bus Driver
Cecil E. Welch, 19 Middle St., Foreman
Ernest E. Hewson, 10 Woodland St., Bus Driver
Frank W. Hoyt, 70 Church St., Painter
Bernard A. Hume, 10 Lincoln St., Shoe Worker
John Fyfe, Jr., 11 Green St., Laborer

George P. Hanson, 123 East Main St., Gas Station
Harrie R. Cushing, 3 Vendome St., Bus Driver

J. Arthur Ollis,
Ralph L. Buzzell,
Kenneth E. Haskell,
Selectmen of Merrimac.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The seventy-seventh annual report of the Town of Merrimac is herewith presented for your consideration in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 49, of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

The organization of the Board of Selectmen for the year 1952 was—

J. Arthur Ollis Chairman

Ralph L. Buzzell Clerk

Kenneth E. Haskell Member

The Board also organized as a Board of Health, and Veterans Benefits, with the same officers, with W. Harold Whiting appointed Agent of the Board of Health and J. Arthur Ollis appointed as Veterans Agent.

We have spent the funds voted by the town for the various departments under our direction, to the best of our ability.

We wish to thank the Department of Corporations and Taxation for their co-operation and assistance, also the Bureau of Accounts, local heads of departments and citizens of the Town for help during the past year. We also wish to thank the Town Accountant, W. Harold Whiting, for his help and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Arthur Ollis

Ralph L. Buzzell

Kenneth E. Haskell

Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac

APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN 1952

March 4, 1952

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I submit the following list of appropriations made at the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Merrimac, for the year 1952, held on March 3, 1952:—

Moderator, Salary	\$	12.00
Selectmen, Chairman, Salary		325.00
Selectmen, Clerk, Salary		200.00
Selectmen, Other Member		150.00
Selectmen, Departmental Expenses		400.00

Welfare Board, Chairman, Salary	200.00
Welfare Board, Clerk, Salary	200.00
Welfare Board, Other Member, Salary	100.00
Town Accountant, Salary	3,120.00
Town Accountant, Expenses	125.00
Treasurer, Salary	600.00
Treasurer, Expenses	500.00
Tax Collector, Salary	1,700.00
Tax Collector, Expenses	500.00
Assessors, Chairman, Salary	470.00
Assessors, Clerk, Salary	280.00
Assessors, Other Member, Salary	250.00
Assessors, Expenses	500.00
Town Clerk, Salary	300.00
Town Clerk, Expenses	150.00
Registrars of Voters, Chairman, Salary	100.00
Other three members @ \$50.00 each	150.00
Janitor, Town Offices, Salary	240.00
Town Hall, Maintenance	1,500.00
Town Hall, Repairs	200.00
Bonding Town Officers	435.00
Election Officers	500.00
Police Department	6,350.00
Fire Engineers, Chief, Salary	300.00
Fire Engineers, Clerk, Salary	200.00
Fire Engineers, Other Member	150.00
Fire Department	4,400.00
Sealer Weights and Measures, Salary	150.00
Sealer Weights and Measures, Expenses	35.00
Inspector of Wiring, Salary	90.00
Inspector of Wiring, Expenses	5.00
Dog Officer, Fees	150.00
Moth Department	869.30
Tree Warden	500.00
Town Forest	400.00
Forest Fire Warden	150.00
Board of Health	1,000.00
Health Nurse, Salary	1,200.00

Health Nurse, Expenses	250.00
Inspector of Animals, Salary	100.00
Inspector of Animals, Expenses	5.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary	20.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, Expenses	5.00
Inspector of Milk, Salary	20.00
Inspector of Milk, Expenses	5.00
Snow and Washouts	5,000.00
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges	100.00
Rocks Bridge	1,850.00
Street Lights	6,513.40
Public Welfare	9,000.00
Soldiers Benefits	4,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	40,000.00
School Committee, Chairman, Salary	50.00
School Committee, Clerk, Salary	75.00
School Committee, Other Member, Salary	50.00
School Department	85,415.00
Public Library	1,500.00
Memorial Day	275.00
Vocational Aid	2,000.00
Lighting Town Buildings	737.74
Insurance	5,000.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Interest	9,222.50
Cemeteries	3,000.00
Vital Statistics	250.00
Water in Town Buildings	315.40
Printing Town Reports	545.40
Water Commissioners, Sal., (3 & \$50.00)	150.00
Light Commissioners, Sal., (3 & \$50.00)	150.00
Disability Assistance	5,000.00
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	\$216,260.74
Article 7 Playground	1.075.00
Article 9 Tax Title Expenses	100.00

Article 10	Highway, Thickly Settled Sts.	1,000.00
Article 11	Board of Registrars Expense	650.00
Article 13	Legal Expenses	100.00
Article 14	Highway, Chapter 90	1,500.00
Article 15	Repairs, in, on, or around Town Hall	500.00
Article 17	Highway, Chapter 81	5,300.00
Article 18	Veterans Service Officer, Sal.	250.00
Article 19	Veterans Service Officer, Exp.	250.00
Article 20	Essex County Retirement Sys.	2,768.15
Article 21	Water Dept. Oper. & Maint.	17,721.51
Article 22	Welfare Agent, Salary	2,400.00
Article 23	Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,250.00
Article 24	Rental Quarters, for American Legion	300.00
Article 25	School Construction Loan	14,782.90
Article 26	School Building Fund	7,350.00
Article 28	Dog Officer, Salary	100.00
Article 34	School Lunch Fund	2,500.00
Article 36	Water Ext., on Birch Meadow Road	550.00
Article 37	Cadmium Batteries for Fire Alarm System	800.00
Article 38	Floor & replacement of Doors, Central Fire Station	500.00
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		\$278,008.30

Respectfully submitted,

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

In accordance with the by-laws of the Town of Merrimac and the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Merrimac Finance Committee recommends the following appropriations to be made for the year 1953:

Moderator, Salary	\$ 12.00
Selectmen, Salary Chairman	325.00
Selectmen, Salary Clerk	200.00
Selectmen, Salary Other Member	150.00
Selectmen, Departmental Expenses	400.00
Board of Public Welfare, Salary Chairman	200.00
Board of Public Welfare, Salary Clerk	200.00
Board of Public Welfare, Sal. Other Member ..	100.00
Town Accountant, Salary	3,120.00
Town Accountant, Expenses	125.00
Treasurer, Salary	600.00
Treasurer, Expenses	500.00
Tax Collector, Salary	1,700.00
Tax Collector, Expenses	500.00
Assessors, Salary Chairman	470.00
Assessors, Salary Clerk	280.00
Assessors, Salary Other Member	250.00
Assessors, Expenses	500.00
Town Clerk, Salary	300.00
Town Clerk, Expenses	150.00
Registrars of Voters, Salary Chairman	100.00
Registrars of Voters, Salary Other Three Mem- bers each \$50.00	150.00
Janitor Town Office, Salary	240.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,500.00
Town Hall Repairs	200.00

Bonding Town Officers	435.00
Election Officers	150.00
Police Department	6,600.00
Fire Engineers, Salary Chief	300.00
Fire Engineers, Salary Clerk	200.00
Fire Engineers, Salary Other Member	150.00
Fire Department	4,400.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary	150.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Expenses	35.00
Inspector of Wiring, Salary	90.00
Inspector of Wiring, Expenses	5.00
Dog Officer, Fees	150.00
Moth Department	869.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Town Forest	400.00
Forest Fire Warden	150.00
Board of Health	1,000.00
Health Nurse, Salary	1,200.00
Health Nurse, Expenses	250.00
Inspector of Animals, Salary	100.00
Inspector of Animals, Expenses	5.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary	20.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, Expenses	5.00
Inspector of Milk, Salary	20.00
Inspector of Milk, Expenses	5.00
Snow and Washouts	5,000.00
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges	100.00
Rocks Bridge	6,800.00
Street Lights	6,200.36
Public Welfare	5,000.00
Soldiers Benefits	3,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	40,000.00
School Comm., Chairman Salary	50.00
School Comm., Clerk Salary	75.00
School Comm., Other Member Salary	50.00
School Department	99,757.00

Public Library	1,500.00
Memorial Day	275.00
Vocational Aid	2,000.00
Lighting Town Buildings	1,225.31
Insurance	5,000.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Interest	9,222.50
Cemeteries	3,000.00
Vital Statistics	250.00
Water in Town Buildings	394.56
Printing Town Reports	545.40
Water Comm., Salaries (Three each \$50.00)	150.00
Light Comm., Salaries (Three each \$50.00)	150.00
Disability Assistance	5,000.00
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	\$230,706.13

Respectfully submitted,

RAY T. WALLACE

CLIFFORD R. HOWE

EDWARD C. GIBBONS

JAMES P. DONAHUE

MILLARD B. HILLS

Merrimac Finance Committee

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Report of the Town Forest Committee for the year ending 1952.

Diamond Match Co. for fence posts\$ 1.57

Brush Cutters	8.75
Truck Hire	8.00
Albert Lord, Mowing fire lanes	60.00
Labor on Clearing Brush and Repairing fences	319.75
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	\$398.07

We turned over \$35.00 to the Town of Merrimac for sale of wood.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. LAMB

RUSSELL B. KELLY

JAMES T. COLGAN

Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and to the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, I submit the Public Health Nurse's report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1952.

I report that I have, to the best of my ability, cared for and treated all persons brought to my attention by Mrs. Harriet Bigelow and by the doctors of the Town.

I have turned over to the Town the fees obtained of all paying patients and received receipts for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

CECILE C. SARGENT, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

As Chief of the Police Department of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit the annual report of the Department for the year beginning January 28, 1952 through December 31, 1952.

The report follows:

Number of Arrests for Crimes against person	2
Number of Arrests for Crimes against property	22
Number of Arrests for Crimes against public order, etc.	68
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Total Arrests	92

Miscellaneous Business

Complaints Investigated	256
Officers Assignments	136
Messages Delivered	73
Accidents in Town Reported	62
Disturbances suppressed without arrest	35
Articles found	23
Doors and Windows found open and secured	21
Persons missing and returned	11
Funeral Escorts	11
Ambulance Service (at no cost to Town or Persons in- volved)	10
Dog bites reported	8
Wires down	7
Stolen Cars returned	4
Insane committed to State Hospital	2
A. W. O. L.	2

I desire to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

His Honor, Judge Martin Connally, the Associate Justices, Clerk of the District Court, the Probation Officers, Officers of the Department, the Superintendents of the Light and Water, and Street Departments, and the Citizens of the Town for their kindly co-operation during the past year.

I desire also to thank those Citizens who so generously contributed in order that this Dept. could be equipped with Two-Way Radio.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE CAREY,

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

Number of alarms	64
Fire Loss	\$784.00

We wish to express our thanks to all Town Officials and Citizens for their co-operation and support.

We recommend that the sum of Forty-four Hundred Dollars (\$4,400.00) be appropriated for salaries and general maintenance of the Merrimac Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. BUZZELL, Sr.

ELMER T. GRANT, Sr.

GLEN I. BLACKDEN

Board of Fire Engineers

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year 1952.

Recapitulation

Town Appropriations	\$316,197.58
Overlay Deficit	1,542.56
State Parks & Reservations	366.79
State Audit Tax	987.36
County Tax	6,644.50
T. B. Hospital	2,647.47
Overlay for 1952	5,870.67
	<hr/> \$334,256.93

Estimated Receipts

Income Tax	\$ 23,084.45
Corporation Tax	7,053.35
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	13,288.72
Old Age Tax (Meals)	1,284.45
Licenses	1,323.50
Fines	111.40
General Government	656.00
Protection of Persons & Property	87.95
Health and Sanitation	131.00
Charities	6,955.97
Old Age Assistance	21,298.64
Schools	2,654.05
Veterans' Benefits	1,771.26
Library	146.72
Public Service Enterprises	13,619.19
Interest	896.73
Agriculture	50.00
Overestimates — 3 previous years	298.83

Available Funds	58,189.28	
Cemeteries	854.00	
		<hr/> \$153,755.49
Net Amount to be Raised		\$180,501.44
Poll Taxes	\$ 1,830.00	
Personal Property	16,668.32	
Real Estate	162,003.12	
		<hr/> \$180,501.44

Table of Aggregates

Value of Real Estate	\$2,144,240.00
Value of Personal Property	219,320.00
Number of Polls	915
Value of Automobiles	401,020.00
Number of Automobiles	1,209
Number of Horses	19
Number of Cows	175
Number of Other Animals	82
Number of Fowl	6,240
Number of Houses	786
Number of Acres of Land	4,468

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. CROFUT

CHESTER E. WHITING

ALVIN F. HEATH

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

I hereby submit the following report: that I have caught and confined the following dogs:

Males

January 25	\$ 6.50
January 27	6.50
February 14	6.50
February 27	6.50
May 5	6.50
May 17	6.50
September 2	6.50
September 17	6.50
December 10	6.50

Females

January 14	6.50
March 8	6.50
April 10	6.50
May 8	6.50
June 17	6.50
June 29	6.50
July 10	6.50
July 19	6.50
August 17	6.50
October 24	6.50
December 5	6.50
December 7	6.50
December 15	6.50
Three dogs buried that were killed on highway at \$2.00	6.00
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	\$ 149.00

I also found homes for several dogs and returned dogs to their owners.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. LAMB

Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 1952

To the Citizens and Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac:

We, the Playground Commission, submit the following report for the year 1952.

During the past year the playing field and bleachers have been kept in good condition for the school children and Townspeople alike. The new backstop was installed to help protect adjoining property from being damaged by foul balls. We plan to keep this playground in good condition during the coming year and will co-operate with the new school in keeping the adjoining fields in good condition also.

We trust that the people of the Town will be pleased and proud of the playground in 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE P. STEVENS

HENRY D. LAY

MERRILL SMITH

GEORGE NICHOLS

GEORGE CURRIER

Playground Commission

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Cemetery Trustees wish to submit the following report for the past year:

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During the year Mr. Haight has continued to recondition lots as needed in all the cemeteries. New equipment has been purchased as needed to do this work. With the co-operation of the Tree Warden, some dead trees were removed in Locust Grove Cemetery.

We hope during the coming season to be able to continue the reconditioning of the long neglected section of Church Street Cemetery.

We extend our thanks to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Accountant for their co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON V. BIXBY

A. RAY CLARK, SR.

HENRY D. LAY

Trustees of Cemeteries

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The elected members of the Board of Public Welfare organized for the year with the following officers—

Hazen M. Emery Chairman

Ellen M. Wallace Clerk

J. Arthur Ollis Member

The board, with the same officers, administered Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, and Disability Assistance.

We have tried to administer these types of aid wisely and economically, and still meet the mandatory State and Federal budgets.

The figures asked by us in the coming year's budget are listed in the Finance Board recommendations for 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN M. EMERY

ELLEN M. WALLACE

J. ARTHUR OLLIS

Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have made the following calls and inspections and issued the following licenses for the year:

License for sale of Oleomargine—12	\$ 6.00
Store license for the sale of milk and cream—18	9.00
Vehicle licenses for sale of milk and cream—11	5.50
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	\$20.50

A total of 41 licenses at \$.50, collected \$20.50 and turned over to Town Treasurer.

Number of barns inspected	31
Number of cattle inspected	236
Number of swine inspected	12
Number of horses inspected	18
Number of goats inspected	10
Inspection of slaughtering hogs	8

Inspection of slaughtering calves	1
Inspection for State Division of Livestock Disease Control	8
Check on New arrivals of Dairy Cattle from outside of State	8
Animals quarantined	None

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HUTCHINS,

Inspector of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Construction voted & Building Committee elected March
6, 1950
Construction Contract Signed February 14, 1951
Ground Broken March 19, 1951
Cornerstone Laid September 9, 1951
Construction Completed June 20, 1952
Dedication and Acceptance August 24, 1952
Opened for Use September 2, 1952
Financial Report to Massachusetts School Building Assis-
tance Commission October 28, 1952
First Annual Reimbursement Received December 6, 1952
Financial Report as Rendered to Massachusetts School
Building Assistance Commission—

Method of Financing

Taxation	\$ 10,814.15
Gifts	10,197.60
Sale of Bonds and Notes	339,000.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	63,513.69

Surplus Revenue	13,000.00	
Sale of Real Estate Fund	3,650.00	
		<hr/> \$440,175.44

Expenditures

General Contractor: J. F. Rand & Son	\$375,161.77	375,161.77
Architect: Clinton Foster Goodwin	22,983.97	22,983.97
Engineering: Edward F. Hughes, Borings	300.24	
Thompson & Litchner Co., Tests	48.00	
Andrew T. Johnson Co. Plans	490.40	
Supervision	260.00	1,098.64
Site Development: Yemma Bros.	7,904.25	
Martin Maillet	2,081.50	
Sand Removal	52.00	10,037.75
Advertising for Bids: Boston Herald & Haverhill Gazette	64.54	
Insurance during construction	760.52	
Legal Fees	31.00	
Dedication and Acceptance	230.00	1,086.06
Special Contracts: Lincoln C. Higgins, Blinds	2,735.26	
Letoile Roofing Co., Louvres	125.00	
Creasey Electrical Company	754.26	
John J. Gaffny & Sons, plumbing	363.32	
Edward E. Guarian & Co., Inter-communication	469.59	
Diamond Match Co. & Carpenter	32.78	4,500.21
Equipment: D. J. Casey Co., Files, etc.	362.29	
Philbrick & Hatfield, Dispersers	236.25	
Herman F. Davis, Hose, etc.	52.17	

P. M. Belka Co. Lounge Furniture	239.50	
Smith Fire Equipment	161.00	
Haverhill Rubber Co., Mats ...	143.60	
Andrew Wilson Co., Lockers	3,590.56	
McDonald Co., Kitchen	5,493.85	
Hav'hill Plate Glass, Mirrors	173.00	
Surgeons & Physicians Sup.	75.75	
G. H. Towne Co., Multi-purpose Room Tables & Chairs	3,921.76	
Comm. of Mass., Class Room Furniture	9,244.45	
Merrimac School Committee, Supplies	1,382.65	25,076.83
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		\$439,945.23

The small balance on hand, of \$230.21, is being used for final work which could not be completed in time to be considered in the above report made to the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission.

This committee deemed it wiser to make this report in October of 1952 so that the Town of Merrimac could receive the first annual reimbursement in 1952, rather than delay this reimbursement a year for the small amount entailed.

On December 5, 1952 the Town of Merrimac received its first annual reimbursement of \$10,992.71.

Signed: Merrimac School Building Committee

DR. FREDERICK N. SWEETSIR, Chairman

HARRIETT F. BIGELOW, Secretary

DR. JOHN A. HAWES

KENNETH G. FOWLE

AGNES H. POWERS

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1952:—

Births

Number of Births recorded	64
Males	32
Females	32
Father, Native Born	61
Mother, Native Born	58
Father and Mother, both Native Born	55
Father and Mother, both Foreign Born	0
Mixed Parentage	10

Marriages

Number of Marriages recorded	44
First Marriage of Groom	33
First Marriage of Bride	36
Grooms, Native Born	42
Brides, Native Born	42
Grooms, Foreign Born	2

Brides, Foreign Born	2
Average Age of Groom	28 years, 7 months, 19 days
Average Age of Bride	26 years, 7 months, 11 days

Deaths

Number of Deaths recorded	24
Males	15
Females	9
Under 5 years	0
Males, Native Born	12
Females, Native Born	7
Of Native Parentage	12
Of Mixed Parentage	2
Average Age	65 years, 8 months, 28 days
Oldest Person	99 years

Licenses

Number of Dogs Licensed	230
Males	206
Females	24
Kennel Licenses	4
Sporting Licenses issued	251
Minors Sporting Licenses issued	12

Respectfully submitted,

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I submit herewith my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1952.

I wish to thank the various officials and citizens for their co-operation during the past year.

1949 Real Estate

Outstanding		Cash	\$ 14.30
1—1, 52	\$.05		
Refund	14.25		
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	14.30		\$ 14.30

1950 Personal

Outstanding		Cash	\$ 261.64
1—1, 52	\$ 311.24	Abatement	49.60
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	\$ 311.24		\$ 311.24

1950 Real Estate

Outstanding		Cash	\$3,368.60
1—1, 52	\$3,734.80	Tax Title	44.02
Refund	4.39	Abatement	326.57
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	\$3,739.19		\$3,739.19

1951 Poll

Outstanding		Cash	\$ 14.00
1—1, 52	\$ 22.00	Abatement	6.00
		Outstanding	2.00
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	\$ 22.00		\$ 22.00

1951 Personal

Outstanding		Cash	\$1,198.72
1—1, 52	\$3,039.36	Abatements	6.40
		Outstanding	1,834.24
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	\$3,039.36		\$3,039.36

1951 Real Estate

Outstanding		Cash	\$16,851.36
1—1, 52	\$20,300.86	Tax Title	16.00
Refund	121.82	Abatements	140.26
Journal Debit	70.00	Outstanding	3,485.06
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	\$20,492.68		\$20,492.68

1952 Poll

Commitments	\$1,856.00	Cash	\$1,482.00
Refund	2.00	Abatements	348.00
	<hr/>	Outstanding	28.00
	\$1,858.00		<hr/>
			\$1,858.00

1952 Personal

Commitments	\$16,934.32	Cash	\$12,120.32
Refunds	130.72	Abatements	196.84
	<hr/>	Outstanding	4,747.88
	\$17,065.04		<hr/>
			\$17,065.04

1952 Real Estate

Commitments	\$162,545.00	Cash	\$126,244.73
Refunds	235.60	Tax Title	1,199.66
		Abatements	8,950.75
		Outstanding	26,385.46
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	\$162,780.60		\$162,780.60

1950 Excise

Outstanding		Cash	\$ 3.51
1—1, 52	\$ 13.79	Abatements	12.28
Refund	2.00		
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	\$ 15.79		\$ 15.79

1951 Excise

Outstanding		Cash	\$3,468.77
1—1, 52	\$3,203.52	Abatements	444.96
Refund	47.71	Outstanding	237.08
Journal Debit	.14		
Commitments	899.44		
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	\$4,150.81		\$4,150.81

1952 Excise

Commitments	\$19,753.73	Cash	\$14,882.40
Refunds	348.36	Abatements	943.78
		Outstanding	4,275.91
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	\$20,102.09		\$20,102.09

WILFRED G. JOURNEY,

Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The balances, receipts and disbursements for the year 1952 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1952	\$195,364.56
Receipts to January 1, 1953	468,111.32
	<hr/> \$663,475.88
Payments on warrants 1952	\$551,622.47
Balance, January 1, 1953	111,853.41
	<hr/> \$663,475.88

Respectfully submitted,

ROY C. JOURNEAY,

Town Treasurer

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF
WATER COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit their forty-eighth Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

Nine services were installed during the year, making a total of 755 active services.

Estimates for the Ensuing Year

Gross Expenses of Operating	\$18,000.00
Construction	2,000.00
	<hr/> \$20,000.00

Estimated Income

Water Rates	\$13,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,000.00
	<hr/> \$14,000.00

Expended for Construction

Main Extension (a/c "Birch Meadow Extension")	\$ 2,000.00
	<hr/> \$ 2,000.00

Expended for Maintenance

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 4,968.72
Power and Fuel	3,403.74
Station Supplies and Expenses	16.75
Station Wages	2,339.18
Salary of Supt.	1,455.39
Office Salary	1,380.60
Office Expense	439.65
Truck Expense	283.04
Insurance	102.53
	<hr/> \$14,389.60
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Total Expended for Const. & Maint.	\$16,389.60

Monthly Pumping Report

	Gallons Pumped	Hours Pumped
January	7,940,000	218
February	7,590,000	209
March	8,410,000	231
April	8,020,000	221
May	8,570,000	234
June	11,140,000	301
July	16,240,000	437
August	9,640,000	262
September	8,340,000	231
October	7,910,000	218
November	7,820,000	213
December	7,380,000	209
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Total Gallons and Hours Pumped	109,000,000	2,984

Water Estimated Receipts

Appropriation	\$17,787.76	
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Water Rates Collected	\$13,853.72	
Miscellaneous Income	174.39	
Transfer to Maint. & Operation	3,759.65	
	<hr/>	\$17,787.76

Maintenance and Operation

Expended for Const. & Maint.	\$16,389.60	
Transfer from Estimated Receipts	3,759.65	
	<hr/>	\$20,149.25

Appropriation	\$17,787.76
Transfer to General Cash	2,361.49
	<hr/> \$20,149.25

Balance Sheet

General Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1952	\$ 1,212.24
Water Rates Collected	13,853.72
Miscellaneous Income	174.39
Transfer from Maint. & Operation ...	2,361.49
	<hr/> \$17,601.84
Expended for Const. & Maint.	\$16,389.60
General Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1953 ...	1,212.24
	<hr/> \$17,601.84

Water Available Surplus

Balance, January 1, 1952	\$ 1,212.24
	<hr/> \$ 1,212.24
Balance, January 1, 1953	\$ 1,212.24
	<hr/> \$ 1,212.24

Board of Water Commissioners

WILLIAM H. FRANKLIN

NORMAN E. TAYLOR

ULYSSES N. CORSON

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The Municipal Light Board herein submit their forty-eighth Annual Report for the Year ending December 31, 1952.

Eight services have been added during the year, making a total of 1,116 lighting services and 12 power services, now installed.

Estimate of Expenses

Gross Expenses of Operating	\$65,000.00
Depreciation (3 % on \$129,260.94)	3,877.83
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Total	\$68,877.83

Estimated Income

From Private Consumers	\$70,000.00
From Municipal Buildings	1,225.31
From Street Lights	6,200.36
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Total	\$77,425.67

Cost of Construction

Substation Equipment	\$19,033.95
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead	
Conductors	62,152.81
Meters	13,366.33
Transformers	25,290.99
Street Lighting Equipment	5,439.78
Transportation Equipment	3,977.08
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Total	\$129,260.94

Expended for Construction

Construction and Materials	\$ 6,776.95
Meters	151.33
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Total	\$ 6,928.28

Expended for Operating Expenses

Electric Energy Purchased	\$39,576.15
Station Wages	559.12
Station Expenses	55.37
Meter and Transformer Operation	1,704.78
Maint. Transmission & Dist. Lines	12,110.94
Operation and Maintenance of Street Lights	143.76
Commercial Salaries and Expenses	1,109.38
Salary of Municipal Light Manager	1,784.19
Office Salaries	1,740.19
General Office Supplies & Expense	1,494.66
Insurance	538.25
Transportation Expense	823.82
Miscellaneous Expense	39.53
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Total	61,680.14

Total Expended for Construction and Maint. \$68,608.42

Consumers' Deposits Refunded	\$ 275.00
Payment on Note, Day Trust Co.....	2,000.00
Transferred to Depreciation Fund	3,000.00
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Total

\$ 5,275.00

Grand Total

\$73,883.42

Balance Sheet

Construction and Operating Fund

January 1, 1952 \$ 4,626.51

Consumers' Deposits Fund

January 1, 1952 1,234.38

Depreciation Fund, Jan. 1, 1952..... 6,969.82

Received from Light & Power Sales 74,017.13

Received from Miscellaneous Sales 1,249.18

Received Town Appropriations..... 7,251.14

Interest Income 174.59

Transferred to Depreciation Acct. 3,000.00

Consumers' Deposits 455.00

Total \$98,977.75

Construction, Materials and

Renewals \$ 6,928.28

Maintenance & Operating Expense 61,680.14

Payment on Note, Day Trust Co.... 2,000.00

Transfer to Depreciation Fund..... 3,000.00

Consumers' Deposits Returned 275.00

Depreciation Fund 10,144.41

Construction and Operating Fund

January 1, 1953 13,535.54

Consumers' Deposit Fund

January 1, 1953 1,414.38

Total \$98,977.75

The Municipal Light Board

WILLIAM H. FRANKLIN

NORMAN E. TAYLOR

ULYSSES N. CORSON

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library present their seventy-sixth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

The total numbers of volumes borrowed during the past year was 8,803, of which 2,315 were non-fiction and 1,346 juvenile.

The monthly deliveries were as follows:

January	946	July	657
February	829	August	757
March	1,002	September	840
April	921	October	924
May	798	November	883
June	544	December	702

The Mass. State Division of Public Libraries loaned us 185 volumes, of which 101 were non-fiction and 84 were juvenile.

The fines collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer amounted to \$130.24.

To avoid repetition, the financial report will be included in the Town Accountant's report.

A total of 231 volumes were added to the Library during the year, 146 were by purchase and 85 were gifts. Your Trustees wish to thank the many donors who have contributed these volumes.

Miss Agnes Judkins, who served as Librarian since October, 1948, resigned as of October 2, and Mrs. Jean

A. Stuart was elected Librarian to succeed her.

Your Trustees recommend the sum of \$1,500.00 to be appropriated for the year 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN F. HEATH,

ROBERT L. ECKERT,

BURNELL S. O'BRIEN,

GRACE F. GIBBS,

BARBARA N. ADAMS,

EDWARD C. GIBBONS,

Trustees of Public Library

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The following report is submitted by the Trustees of Kimball Park for the year 1952.

Received for Active account	\$ 81.00
Expended on grounds in 1952	81.00

Trust Funds

Balance Weed Fund January 1, 1952	\$2,025.00
Interest Weed Fund 1952	50.34
Balance Kimball Fund January 1, 1952	1,020.50

Interest Kimball Fund 1952	25.25
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	\$3,121.09
Withdrawn from Weed Fund 1952	\$ 40.00
Withdrawn from Kimball Fund 1952	41.00
Balance Weed Fund January 1, 1953	2,035.34
Balance Kimball Fund January 1, 1953	1,004.75
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	\$3,121.09

We wish at this time to thank everyone who has helped at the park during the past year in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. SELBY

HENRY D. LAY

ARTHUR D. LOCKWOOD

Trustees of Kimball Park

REPORT of the SEALER of WEIGHTS and MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Mass.

The following is my report from January 1 to December 31, 1952.

Scales	Sealed	Not Sealed	Adjusted
Over 10,000 lb	1		
5,000 to 10,000	3		

100 to 5,000	12		1
Under 100	29		
Weights	10		
Personal Scales	1	(no charge, school)	
Pumps			
Oil and Grease	6		1
Meters 1 inch or less	24	1	1
Meters over 1 inch (V Tanks)	8		2
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	94	1	5
Sealing Fees		\$89.25	
Adjusting Charge		3.00	
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		\$92.25	

The balances and standards are in the room at the Central Fire Station. I can be reached by phone at 4771.

Thanks to the merchants of Merrimac for their help in this work, and to Mr. Lane, the Sealer of Haverhill, for his help with the Test Tank at the Haverhill Office.

Respectfully submitted,

MERRILL B. SMITH,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES 1952

Town of Merrimac:

Merrimac, Mass.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1952.

Inspection of Entrance Charges	20
Resident Inspection	39
New Service Inspection	27
Out Door Signs	3
Oil Burner Inspection	32
Gas Station Inspection	1

I wish to thank Mr. Irving Burbeck and Fire Chief, Mr. George Buzzell, with the Citizens of the Town for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ULYSSES N. CORSON,

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby present the Annual Town Report of the Town Accountant in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 60, of the General Laws. I have also presented all financial transactions for the past year.

I would like to express my appreciation to you and other Town Officials who have rendered assistance during the past year and who have complied with the requirements of the system. I would like to thank the Divi-

sion of Corporations and Taxation, especially the Bureau of Accounts, for their co-operation and advice during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HAROLD WHITING

Town Accountant

Receipts—General

Taxes:

Current Year—

Poll, Personal and Real Estate \$139,847.05

Previous Years—

Poll, Personal & Real Estate 1951 18,064.08

Poll, Personal & Real Estate 1950 3,630.24

Poll, Personal & Real Estate 1949 14.30

\$161,555.67

Tax Titles Redemptions 930.61

\$162,486.28

Special State Taxes from the Commonwealth:

Income Tax\$ 25,103.20

Corp. & Business 12,097.99

\$ 37,201.19

Total from Taxes\$199,687.47

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor Licenses	\$	1,000.00	
Other Lic. & Permits		334.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 1,334.00

Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines	\$	146.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 146.00

Grants and Gifts:

Town Clerk Dogs.....	\$	547.65	
		<u> </u>	\$ 547.65

Total from Licenses, Permits, Fines, Forfeits,
Grants, and Gifts\$ 2,027.65

Privileges:

Excise 1952	\$	14,882.40	
Excise 1951		3,468.77	
Excise 1950		3.51	
		<u> </u>	\$ 18,354.68

Interest:

Interest 1952	\$	48.02	
Interest 1951		492.56	
Interest 1950		225.67	
Interest 1949		1.18	
Added to Tax Titles ...		223.84	
Releases & Recordings		6.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 997.27

Total from Privileges and Interest\$ 19,351.95

Total from General Revenue Receipts\$221,067.07

Receipts—Commercial Revenue

General Government:

Rent of Hall	\$	24.00	
Rent of Offices		1,236.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,260.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Sealers Fees	\$	78.75	
		<hr/>	\$ 78.75

Health:

Health Nurse Fees	\$	110.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 110.00

Public Library:

Fines	\$	117.07	
Trust Funds		598.17	
		<hr/>	\$ 715.24

Highways:

T'wn, Hire Rd. Mach.	\$	1,493.40	
Rental Equipment to Other Towns	\$	7.00	
Sale of Pipe		164.00	
Com. of Mass. Chap. 81 — 1951		6,406.77	
Com. of Mass. Chap. 81 — 1952		5,162.27	
		<hr/>	\$ 13,233.44

Kimball Park:

Trust Funds	\$	81.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 81.00

Cemeteries:

Sale of Lots	\$	285.00	
Care of lots & open- graves		584.00	
New Trust Funds		1,050.00	
Withdrawal from Funds		908.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 2,827.00

Charities:

Aid to Dependent Children:

U. S. Grant	\$	3,731.79	
U. S. Grant Admx.		121.86	
Comm. of Mass.		2,655.34	
Reimb. Treasurer		44.75	
		<u> </u>	\$ 6,553.74

Veterans Benefits:

Comm. of Mass.	\$	876.77	
		<u> </u>	\$ 876.77

Temporary Aid:

Comm. of Mass.	\$	1,009.10	
Individuals		231.04	
Cities & Towns		2,159.01	
		<u> </u>	\$ 3,399.15

Old Age Assistance:

U. S. Grant	\$	30,208.41	
U. S. Grant Admx.		1,188.26	
Cities & Towns		1,421.33	

Comm. of Mass.	26,283.97	
Individuals	388.10	
Reimb. Treasurer	90.48	
	<hr/>	\$ 59,580.55

Public Service Enterprises

Light:

Consumers Deposits ...\$	455.00	
Street Lighting	6,513.40	
Sale of Light	64,445.09	
Sale of Power	9,572.04	
Misc. Sales	1,249.18	
Light. Town Build. ...	737.74	
	<hr/>	\$ 82,972.45

Water:

Meter Rates\$	13,538.32	
Misc. Sales	174.39	
Water Town Build. ...	315.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 14,028.11

School:

School Ath. Fund\$	338.15	
School Lunch	6,260.56	
Sale sundries	60.00	
Reimb. & Aid to		
Sch. Const. Proj. ...	10,992.71	
Check Returned	4.82	
Dog Refund	322.94	
Check Returned	95.00	
Building Fund	13,708.69	
Nurse Tel. Reimb.	3.03	
High School Trans. ...	1,472.73	

Supt. Schools	933.33	
School & Ch. 70	888.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 35,080.61

Disability Assistance:

State of Mass.	\$	816.11	
Reimb. to Treasurer		2.85	
Individuals		12.00	
U. S. Grant		1,115.43	
U. S. & State for Admx.		96.47	
	<hr/>	\$	2,042.86

Total from Commercial Revenue\$222,839.67

Non-Revenue and Miscellaneous Receipts

Comm. of Mass. Lic. ...	\$	16.00	
Withholding Tax		13,633.98	
Comm. of Mass. Meal Tax		2,978.38	
House Corr. Ch. 221, Sec. 15		18.00	
Cost of Town Meet- ing Reimb.		15.00	
Income War Bonds ...		168.75	
Rent of Property		8.00	
Sale Bond		4,879.69	
Return Tax Lien Pro- ceedings premium		4.50	
Income School Loan		77.15	
Income Light Loan ...		21.48	
Sale of Wood		35.00	
Check Returned Light Dept.		39.46	
Check Returned Playground		4.68	

Gas Co. reimb. Fire	
Department	3.50
Trans. Tax refunded	4.83
Filing fees reimb.	31.50
Excise Tailings ret. ...	2.31
School Committee	4.50
Comm. of Mass. Div.	
Livestock	50.00
Comm. of Mass. Div.	
Child Guardian. ...	2,207.87
	<hr/> \$ 24,204.58

Total from General Revenue, Commercial Revenue and	
Non-Revenue and Miscellaneous Receipts	\$468,111.32
Cash Balance January 1, 1952	195,364.56
	<hr/> \$663,475.88

Expenditures—General Government

Selectmen:

Chairman, Salary	\$ 325.00
Clerk, Salary	200.00
Member, Salary	150.00
Transportation	16.60
Supplies	38.10
Printing & Postage ...	216.65
Other Expenses	52.02
	<hr/> \$ 998.37

Legislative:

Salary, Moderator	\$	12.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 12.00

Welfare Board:

Chairman, Salary	\$	200.00	
Clerk, Salary		200.00	
Member, Salary		100.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 500.00

Welfare Agent:

Agent's Salary	\$	2,330.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 2,330.00

Accountant:

Salary	\$	3,120.00	
Printing & Postage ...		104.85	
Transportation		5.00	
Supplies		15.15	
		<u> </u>	\$ 3,245.00

Treasurer:

Salary	\$	600.00	
Printing & Postage ...		280.10	
Supplies & Trans.		88.15	
		<u> </u>	\$ 968.25

Tax Collector:

Salary 1951	\$	199.45	
Salary 1952		1,596.05	
Transportation		5.20	
Printing & Postage ...		70.08	
Typing		43.13	
Supplies, Typewriter		353.31	
		<u> </u>	\$ 2,267.22

Assessors:

Chairman, Salary	\$	460.00	
Clerk, Salary		274.16	
Member, Salary		249.16	
Trans. & State Book		126.00	
Printing & Postage, Deeds		501.30	
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	\$		1,610.62

Legal:

Legal Advice	\$	5.50	
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	\$		5.50

Town Clerk:

Salary	\$	300.00	
Supplies		148.13	
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	\$		448.13

Registrars of Voters:

Salaries	\$	250.00	
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	\$		250.00

Election Officers:

Salaries	\$	360.00	
Meals		89.13	
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	\$		449.13

Registrars Expense:

Labor	\$	204.00	
Supplies		209.68	
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	\$		413.68

Janitor's Salary:

Services, Town Hall ...	\$	240.00	
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	\$		240.00

Town Hall Maintenance:

Janitor	\$	104.00	
Telephone		203.53	
Fuel		1,046.39	
Light		33.64	
Other Expense		74.28	
		<u> </u>	\$ 1,461.84

Town Hall Repairs:

Repairs	\$	200.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 200.00

Repairs in or around or on Town Hall:

Awnings	\$	135.50	
Repairs water pipes		335.89	
Windows and doors		19.83	
		<u> </u>	\$ 491.22

Bonding Town Officers:

Light Manager	\$	5.00	
Town Clerk		5.00	
Treasurer		122.50	
Tax Collector		221.25	
Deputies		5.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 358.75

Water in Town Buildings:

Meter Reading	\$	315.40	
		<u> </u>	\$ 315.40

Lighting Town Buildings:

Bill for Lights	\$	737.74	
		<u> </u>	\$ 737.74

Total Expenses for General Government\$ 17,302.85

Protection of Persons and Property

Police:

Salary, Chief	\$	2,936.00	
Salary, Night Patrol		2,389.36	
Special Officers		403.00	
Telephone		155.03	
Trans. & Meals		196.32	
Supplies & Postage ...		269.37	
		<hr/>	\$ 6,349.08

Fire Engineers:

Salary, Chief	\$	300.00	
Salary, Clerk		200.00	
Salary, Member		150.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 650.00

Fire Department:

Stewards	\$	110.00	
Truck Mechanic		25.00	
Supt. Alarms		150.00	
Call Men		2,458.30	
Fuel		583.16	
Telephone		123.40	
Light		27.57	
Motor Expense		228.72	
Repairs & Equipment			
Repairs		691.68	
		<hr/>	\$ 4,397.83

Inspector of Wiring:

Salary	\$	90.00	
Transportation		5.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 95.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary	\$	150.00	
Transportation		15.00	
Supplies & Equip.		19.45	
	—————	\$	184.45

Cadmium Batteries, Fire Department:

Batteries	\$	773.15	
	—————	\$	773.15

Floors & Doors Central Fire Station:

Material	\$	74.63	
Labor		388.92	
	—————	\$	463.55

Dutch Elm Disease:

Salary, Supt.	\$	330.64	
Labor		603.25	
Trucks		259.42	
Bulldozer		42.00	
Supplies		14.69	
	—————	\$	1,250.00

Moth Department:

Salary, Supt.	\$	297.50	
Labor		348.00	
Trucks		194.41	
Equipment		29.39	
	—————	\$	869.30

Tree Warden:

Salary, Supt.	\$	149.75	
Labor		139.50	
Trucks		70.88	

Equipment	139.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 499.98

Forest Fire Warden:

Labor	\$ 120.40	
Supplies	29.55	
	<hr/>	\$ 149.95

Dog Officer:

Fees	\$ 149.00	
Salary	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 249.00

Total of Protection of Persons and Property ...\$ 15,931.29

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health:

Labor on Dump	\$ 199.00	
Burial cats & dogs ...	20.00	
T. B. Patients	557.00	
Supplies	33.02	
Bulldozer	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 849.02

Health Nurse:

Salary	\$ 1,200.00	
Transportation	95.45	
Supplies	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,296.45

Vital Statistics:

Recording Births and

Deaths	\$	138.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 138.00

Inspector of Animals:

Salary	\$	100.00	
Transportation		5.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 105.00

Inspector of Slaughtering:

Salary	\$	20.00	
Transportation		5.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 25.00

Inspector of Milk:

Salary	\$	20.00	
Transportation		5.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 25.00

Total for Health and Sanitation	\$	2,438.47
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Highways

Highway Thickly Settled:

Salary, Supt.	\$	207.50
Labor		340.75
Telephone		62.88
Fuel		22.90
Trucks		5.60
Stone, Gravel, etc.		52.89

Town Truck		
Bulldozer, Loader,		
Grader & Shovel ...	285.50	
Supplies	18.08	
	<u> </u>	\$ 996.10

Maint. Road Machinery:

Gasoline & Oil	\$ 762.36	
Repairs & parts for		
Plow	463.41	
Repairs & parts for		
Trucks	299.90	
Fuel and Light	11.45	
Drill	51.36	
Repairs & Parts for		
Tractor	186.69	
Misc. Supplies, Plates	47.23	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,822.40

Highway & Chapter 81:

Salary, Supt.	\$ 1,325.25	
Labor	3,365.30	
Post hole spoon	27.75	
Trucks & Tractor	1,935.78	
Road Materials	4,648.87	
Equipment	642.06	
Shovel	194.80	
Town Truck	422.60	
Roller Grader, Bull-		
dozer Spreader &		
Loader	1,536.75	
	<u> </u>	\$ 14,099.16

Snow & Washouts:

Salary, Supt.	\$ 950.00
Labor	1,905.00

Fuel	117.08	
Trucks	802.00	
Sand & Salt	313.07	
Town Truck	512.00	
Town Tractor	250.00	
Loader	138.00	
Telephone	12.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,000.00

Highway Chapter 90:

Salary, Supt.	\$ 351.25	
Labor	913.00	
Materials, Forms, Mason	2,900.00	
Town Truck	595.80	
Bulldozer & backhoe	440.60	
Stone, Gravel	71.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,271.90

Sidewalks, Railings & Bridges:

Labor	\$ 58.00	
Materials	34.89	
Telephone	6.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 99.84

Union Street to New School:

Curbing	\$ 50.00	
Supervision	127.50	
Labor	123.00	
Turf	30.00	
Material & Const.	5,562.16	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,892.66

Curbing & Sidewalk to New School:

Excavation, purchase & setting curbing ...	\$ 3,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,500.00

Street Lighting:

Bill for Lighting	\$ 6,513.40	
	<u> </u>	\$ 6,513.40

Rocks Bridge:

Bill from County	\$ 1,323.90	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,323.90

Total for Highways		\$ 44,519.36
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Charities

Public Welfare:

Clothing	\$ 132.85	
Rent	261.83	
Groceries & prov.	2,050.70	
Fuel	66.27	
Board & Care	21.25	
Medical	1,725.74	
Institutions	806.32	
Cash	421.00	
All other	185.44	
Other Cities & Towns	35.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 5,706.40

Aid to Dependent Children:

Cash	\$ 4,577.85	
Medical	404.24	
	<u> </u>	\$ 4,982.09

Old Age Assistance:

Cash	\$ 29,488.30	
Medical	4,044.04	

Other Cities & Towns	3,313.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 36,846.29

Aid to Dependent Children U. S.:

Cash	\$ 3,641.70	
Medical	375.35	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,017.05

Aid to Dependent Children Admx. U. S.:

Trans. & Postage		
refunds	\$ 63.57	
	<hr/>	\$ 63.57

Old Age Admx. U. S.:

Trans. & Postage	\$ 179.92	
	<hr/>	\$ 179.92

Old Age U. S. Grant:

Cash	\$ 30,117.85	
Medical	3,156.44	
Other Cities & Towns	26.92	
	<hr/>	\$ 33,301.21

Disability Assistance:

Cash	\$ 3,491.90	
Medical	367.66	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,859.56

Disability Assistance Admx. U. S.:

Trans. & Postage		
refunds	\$ 16.76	
	<hr/>	\$ 16.76

Veterans Benefits:

Cash	\$ 2,200.74	
Fuel	95.65	
Medical	139.00	

Groc. & Prov.	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,450.39

Veterans Service Officer:

Salary	\$ 250.00	
Office expense & transportation	115.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 365.75

Total for Charities	\$ 91,788.99
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Schools and Library

School:

Paid in 1952	\$ 85,539.94	
	<hr/>	\$ 85,539.94

Itemized in detail in school report.

School Committee:

Salary, Chairman	\$ 50.00	
Salary, Clerk	75.00	
Salary, Member	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 175.00

Vocational Aid:

Tuition	\$ 1,536.97	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,536.97

Library:

Books & Periodicals...	\$ 422.70	
Fuel & Light	403.31	
Salary, Librarians	680.00	
Janitor	200.00	
Postage & Supplies ...	29.66	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,735.67

Total for Schools and Library	\$ 88,987.58
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Recreation and Unclassified

Town Forest:

Salary, Supt.	\$	153.75	
Labor		166.00	
Trucks		8.00	
All other		70.32	
		<hr/>	\$ 398.07

Playground:

Power & parts for

Mowers	\$	155.05	
Fence & Backstop		160.00	
Labor		443.75	
Seed & fertilizer		38.91	
Clearing & Rolling ...		77.65	
Paint		24.98	
All other		169.36	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,069.70

Essex County Retirement Board:

Bill paid County	\$	2,768.15	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,768.15

Memorial Day:

Drum Corps	\$	100.00	
Flags & Ammunition		123.80	
Bus hire		23.38	
		<hr/>	\$ 247.18

Rental American Legion Quarters:

Rental	\$	300.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 300.00

Printing Town Reports:

Bill for printing	\$	545.40	
		<hr/>	\$ 545.40

Kimball Park:

Labor	\$	81.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 81.00

Insurance:

Fire Accident	\$	266.58	
Public Liability		873.71	
Workmen's Comp. ...		1,507.62	
Tractor		67.38	
Fire Trucks		18.25	
Liability Tractor		49.63	
Pumper		49.00	
Fire Trucks & Tracs.		114.76	
Vandalism		760.47	
Cemetery		83.38	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,790.78

Civilian Defense:

Equipment	\$	497.39	
Clerk, Salary		629.75	
Supplies & Postage ...		132.30	
Telephone, Rent		150.63	
Express		6.68	
Radios		151.10	
Meals		14.20	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,582.05

Expense of Easement Birch Meadow Road:

Cost of Easement	\$	300.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 300.00

Total for Recreation and Unclassified	\$	11,082.33
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Enterprises and Cemetery

Cemetery:

Supt.	\$	2,340.00
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Labor	596.00	
Office Expense	43.27	
Loam	54.00	
Equip., Materials	157.34	
Motor Expense	505.53	
All other supplies	289.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,985.39

Care, Improvement and Embellishment Cemetery:

Tools & Equipment ...\$	330.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 330.00

Light Commissioners Salary:

3 Memb. each 50.00 \$	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 150.00

Water Commissioners Salary:

3 Memb. each 50.00 \$	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 150.00

Public Service Enterprises:

Light	\$ 73,608.42	
Water	16,389.60	
Consumers Deposits	275.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 90,273.02

Water Extension Birch Meadow Road:

Shovel, Digging	\$ 200.00	
Supplies & Equip.	156.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 356.40

Total for Enterprises and Cemetery\$ 95,244.81

Other Payments

School Lunch	\$ 2,499.29	
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Interest	8,972.50	
Real Estate 1949 re- funds	14.25	
Real Estate 1951 re- funds	121.82	
Poll 1952 Refunds	2.00	
Personal 1952 re- funds	130.72	
Real Estate 1952 re- funds	235.60	
Excise 1950 refunds	2.00	
Excise 1951 refunds	47.71	
Excise 1952 refunds	348.36	
Withholding Tax	13,275.78	
Dog Fees	596.45	
School Const. Loan ...	17,000.00	
Trust Funds in trans.	1,775.00	
State Taxes	1,526.48	
County Taxes	6,112.32	
Essex County T. B. Hospital	2,233.36	
Fund for School Construction	354.21	
School Building Fund	124,831.22	
Estimated receipts (INT. War Bonds)	56.25	
Chapter 658 School Fund	337.47	
School Lunch	3,851.80	
Property interest re- fund	2.20	
	<hr/>	\$184,326.79
Total Payments for the Year 1952		\$551,622.47
Cash Balance December 31, 1952		111,853.41
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		\$663,475.88

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Moderator, Salary	12.00				12.00	12.00	
Selectmen, Chairman, Salary	325.00				325.00	325.00	
Selectmen, Clerk, Salary	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Selectmen, Member, Salary	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Selectmen, Departmental Exp. ..	400.00				400.00	323.37	76.63
Welfare Board, Ch'm'n, Salary ..	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Welfare Board, Clerk, Salary	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Welfare Board, Member, Sal.	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Town Accountant, Salary	3,120.00				3,120.00	3,120.00	
Town Accountant, Expenses	125.00				125.00	125.00	
Treasurer, Salary	600.00				600.00	600.00	
Treasurer, Expense	500.00				500.00	368.25	131.75
Tax Collector, Salary — 1952 ..	1,700.00				1,700.00	1,596.05	103.95
Tax Collector, Expense	500.00				500.00	471.72	28.28
Assessors, Chairman, Salary	470.00				470.00	460.00	10.00
Assessors, Clerk, Salary	280.00				280.00	274.16	5.84
Assessors, Member, Salary	250.00				250.00	249.16	.84
Assessors, Expenses	500.00	127.30			627.30	627.30	
Town Clerk, Salary	300.00				300.00	300.00	
Town Clerk, Expense	150.00				150.00	148.13	1.87

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS—(Continued)

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Registrar of Voters, Chairman, Salary	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Other 3 members each \$50.00	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Janitor, Town Offices, Salary	240.00				240.00	240.00	
Town Hall Maintenance	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,461.84	38.16
Town Hall, Repairs	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Bonding Town Officers	435.00				435.00	358.75	76.25
Election Officers	500.00				500.00	449.13	50.87
Police Department	6,350.00				6,350.00	6,349.08	.92
Fire Engineers, Chief, Salary	300.00				300.00	300.00	
Fire Engineers, Clerk, Salary	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Fire Engineers, Member, Salary ..	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Fire Department	4,400.00				4,400.00	4,397.83	2.17
Sealer of W. & M., Salary	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Sealer of W. & M., Expenses	35.00				35.00	34.45	.55
Inspector of Wiring, Salary	90.00				90.00	90.00	
Inspector of Wiring, Expenses ..	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Dog Officer, fees	150.00				150.00	149.00	1.00
Moth Department	869.30				869.30	869.30	
Tree Warden	500.00				500.00	499.98	.02
Town Forest	400.00				400.00	398.07	1.93

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Forest Fire Warden	150.00				150.00	149.95	.05
Board of Health	1,000.00				1,000.00	849.02	150.98
Health Nurse, Salary	1,200.00				1,200.00	1,200.00	
Health Nurse, Expense	250.00				250.00	96.45	153.55
Inspector Animals, Salary	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Inspector of Animals, Expense ..	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering, Sal. ..	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering, Ex. ..	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Inspector of Milk, Salary	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Milk, Expense	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Snow and Washouts	5,000.00				5,000.00	5,000.00	
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges ..	100.00				100.00	99.84	.16
Rocks Bridge	1,850.00				1,850.00	1,323.90	526.10
Street Lights	6,513.40				6,513.40	6,513.40	
Public Welfare	9,000.00				9,000.00	5,706.40	3,293.60
Soldiers Benefits	4,500.00				4,500.00	2,450.39	2,049.61
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00				5,000.00	4,982.09	17.91
Old Age Assistance	40,000.00				40,000.00	36,846.29	3,153.71
School Committee, Sal., Chair. ..	50.00				50.00	50.00	
School Committee, Sal., Clerk ..	75.00				75.00	75.00	
School Committee, Sal., Member ..	50.00				50.00	50.00	
School Department	85,415.00			422.66	85,837.66	85,539.94	297.72
Public Library	1,500.00			235.67	1,735.67	1,735.67	

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Memorial Day	275.00				275.00	247.18	27.82
Vocational Aid	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,536.97	463.03
Lighting Town Buildings	737.74				737.74	737.74	
Insurance	5,000.00				5,000.00	3,790.78	1,209.22
Reserve Fund	1,000.00			498.25	501.75		501.75
Interest	9,222.50				9,222.50	8,972.50	250.00
Cemeteries Balance \$6.44	3,000.00	70.95		908.00	3,985.39	3,985.39	
Vital Statistics	250.00				250.00	138.00	112.00
Water in Town Buildings	315.40				315.40	315.40	
Printing Town Reports	545.40				545.40	545.40	
Salary 3 Water Commissioners							
Each \$50.00	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Salary 3 Light Commissioners							
Each \$50.00	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Disability Assistance	5,000.00				5,000.00	3,859.56	1,140.44
Playground, Art. 7	1,075.00				1,075.00	1,069.70	5.30
Tax Title Expense, Art. 9	100.00				100.00		100.00
Highway Thickly Settled, Art. 10	1,000.00				1,000.00	996.10	3.90
Board of Registrars, Ex., Art. 11	650.00				650.00	413.68	236.32
Legal Expenses, Art. 13	100.00				100.00	5.50	94.50
Highway Ch. 90, Art. 14	1,500.00	4,500.00			6,000.00	5,271.90	728.10

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Repairs, in, on, or around							
Town Hall, Art. 15	500.00				500.00	491.22	8.78
Highway Ch. 81, Art. 17	5,300.00	8,800.00			14,100.00	14,099.16	.84
Veterans Ser. Off., Sal., Art. 18	250.00				250.00	250.00	
Veterans Ser. Off., Ex., Art. 19	250.00				250.00	115.75	134.25
Essex County Ret. Sys., Art. 20	2,768.15				2,768.15	2,768.15	
Water Dept., Oper. & Maint., Art. 21	17,721.51	1,278.49			19,000.00	16,389.60	2,610.40
Welfare Agent, Sal., Art. 22 ...	2,400.00				2,400.00	2,330.00	70.00
Dutch Elm Dis. Cont., Art. 23	1,250.00				1,250.00	1,250.00	
Rental Quarters Amer. Legion, Art. 24	300.00				300.00	300.00	
School Const. Loan, Art. 25	14,782.90	2,217.10			17,000.00	17,000.00	
School Building Fund, Art. 26							
Balance 1952 \$83,824.66.....	7,350.00	15,650.00		18,234.17	125,058.83	124,831.22	227.61
Dog Officer, Sal., Art. 28	100.00				100.00	100.00	
School Lunch Fund, Art. 34	2,500.00				2,500.00	2,499.29	.71
Water Extension Birch Meadow, Art. 36	550.00				550.00	356.40	193.60
Cadmium Batt., Fire Alarm Sys., Art. 37	800.00				800.00	773.15	26.85
Doors & Floors, Cent. Fire Sta., Art. 38	500.00				500.00	463.55	36.45

OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED

	Balances	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Tax Collector's Salary — 1951 ..	\$ 199.45	\$			199.45	199.45	
Maintenance Road Machinery ..		1,900.00			1,900.00	1,822.40	77.60
Road to New Sch. Union St.	6,160.69				6,160.69	5,892.66	268.03
Sidewalk & Curbing to New Sch.	3,500.00				3,500.00	3,500.00	
A. D. C., Admx., U. S.	396.24		450.00	121.86	68.10	63.57	4.53
A. D. C., U. S.	604.86			4,181.79	4,786.65	4,017.05	769.60
Disability Assistance, U. S.				1,115.43	1,115.43		1,115.43
Disability Assistance, Admx.			5.29	62.71	57.42	16.76	40.66
Old Age, Admx., U. S.	1,837.15			1,188.26	3,025.41	179.92	2,845.49
Old Age, U. S.	9,678.06			30,208.41	39,886.47	33,301.21	6,585.26
Kimball Park				81.00	81.00	*81.00	
Civilian Defense	2,082.55				2,082.55	1,582.05	500.50
Ex., Easement Birch Meadow		300.00			300.00	300.00	
Light Maint. & Operation	4,626.51			82,517.45	87,143.96	73,608.42	13,535.54
Care, Imp. & Emb., Cemeteries ..		330.00			330.00	330.00	
Real Estate 1949				14.25	14.25	14.25	
Real Estate 1951				121.82	121.82	121.82	
Poll 1952				2.00	2.00	2.00	
Personal 1952				130.72	130.72	130.72	
Real 1952				235.60	235.60	235.60	

	Balances	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Excise 1950				2.00	2.00	2.00	
Excise 1951				47.71	47.71	47.71	
Excise 1952				348.36	348.36	348.36	
Withholding Tax	1,020.86			13,633.98	14,654.84	13,275.78	1,379.06
Dog fees	48.80			547.65	596.45	596.45	
Consumers Deposits	1,234.38			455.00	1,689.38	275.00	1,414.38
Trust Funds in transit	250.00			1,525.00	1,775.00	1,775.00	
State Taxes				393.50	393.50	393.50	
State Taxes				1,132.98	1,132.98	1,132.98	
County Taxes				6,112.32	6,112.32	6,112.32	
Essex County T. B. Hospital				2,233.36	2,233.36	2,233.36	
Fund for School Const.				354.21	354.21	354.21	
War Bond Income, School Fund				56.25	56.25	56.25	
Property Rental Refund				2.20	2.20	2.20	
Ch. 658 School Fund	43.19			340.16	383.35	337.47	45.88
School Lunch				6,350.52	6,350.52	3,851.80	2,498.72
Appropriations 278,008.30	115,513.84	35,173.84	953.54	173,317.00	601,059.44	551,622.47	49,436.97

RECAPITULATION

Appropriations	\$278,008.30	
Accounts Balances	115,513.84	
		\$393,522.14
Transferred to Accounts:		
To Road Machinery Maintenance	1,900.00	From Road Machinery
To Ex. of Easement Birch Meadow Road	300.00	From Reserve Fund
To Care, Improvement and Embellishment of Cemetery	330.00	From Sale of Lots
To Assessors Expense	127.30	From Reserve Fund
To Cemetery	70.95	From Reserve Fund
To Highway Chapter 90	4,500.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Highway Chapter 81	8,800.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Water Maintenance	66.25	From Premium Sale Water Bonds
To Water Maintenance	1,212.24	From Water Surplus
To School Building Const. Fund	12,000.00	From Surplus Revenue
To School Building Const. Fund	3,650.00	From Sale Real Estate Fund
To School Construction Loan	2,217.10	From Sale School Bond Premium
		35,173.84
		<u>\$428,695.98</u>

Transferred from Accounts:			
From Reserve Fund	498.25		To Accounts Above
From A. D. C., Admx., U. S.	450.00		To A. D. C., U. S.
From D. A., Admx.	5.29		To Estimated Receipts
		953.54	
		<u>\$427,742.44</u>	
Refunds and Receipts	173,317.00		
		173,317.00	
		<u>\$601,059.44</u>	
Accounts Balances	49,436.97		
		49,436.97	
		<u>\$551,622.47</u>	
Payments for Year 1952			

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1952
M. E. Sargent Fund.....	\$100.00	203.50	5.12	6.00	202.62
Eliza M. Sawyer—Thomas Sawyer Lot	114.00	116.77	2.93	4.00	115.70
Emily S. Goodwin—Patten Sargent Lot.....	250.00	257.84	6.47	6.00	258.31
John and Sophia Merrill.....	200.00	203.26	5.10	4.00	204.36
Moses Goodrich.....	100.00	102.02	2.57	3.00	101.59
W. A. Paine—Henry Sargent Lot.....	50.00	51.00	1.28	1.00	51.28
J. E. Prescott	250.00	252.91	6.35	6.00	253.26
Rhoda S. Poore—Daniel Poore Lot.....	400.00	409.88	10.29	6.00	414.17
Rhoda S. Poore—Frederick Sargent Lot.....	200.00	202.50	5.09	4.00	203.59
Otis M. Little	200.00	202.85	5.09	4.00	203.94
Susan G. Sargent—westerly half of J. B. Sargent Lot	75.00	76.18	1.91	2.00	76.09
Mariette B. Sargent—William P. Colby Lot	250.00	289.55	7.27	10.00	286.82
Caroline S. Noyes—Somerby Noyes Lot	100.00	100.88	2.53	2.00	101.41
Adeline Whittier	100.00	101.80	2.55	2.00	102.35
J. Warren Sargent.....	100.00	101.37	2.54	2.00	101.91
Ruth Rowell—Jacob Rowell and Charles Dow Lot....	200.00	204.56	5.14	6.00	203.70
Sarah Pattee—Asa Ford and Sarah Pattee Lot	175.00	175.34	4.40	2.00	177.74
Sarah Pattee—William Gunnison Lot	125.00	126.35	3.17	2.00	127.52
I. B. Little	337.87	339.55	8.53	6.00	342.08
John Bancroft	50.00	50.69	1.27	1.00	50.96

Captain Aaron Bancroft	50.00	50.75	1.27	1.00	51.02
Thomas D. Nelson	150.00	152.07	3.81	3.00	152.88
Mabel Shepardson—Isaac Jones Lot	100.00	101.69	2.54	2.00	102.23
Henry E. Crosby	65.00	72.94	1.81	6.00	68.75
A. Linda Little	150.00	152.15	3.83	4.00	151.98
Etta H. Colby	100.00	101.86	2.55	2.00	102.41
Mrs. Gilman Hoyt	100.00	102.17	2.57	2.00	102.74
Phineas Chase	100.00	102.20	2.57	2.00	102.77
Charles A. Bridges	100.00	101.31	2.54	2.00	101.85
Louise Clement—John S. Clement Lot	100.00	101.94	2.55	2.00	102.49
Carrie C. Noyes	150.00	152.80	3.83	3.00	153.63
W. O. Smiley—William and Francis Smiley	100.00	102.01	2.57	2.00	102.58
Hattie and Carrie Baxter	100.00	101.91	2.55	2.00	102.46
Pamella C. Trefethen—Ephraim Trefethen Lot	100.00	101.91	2.55	2.00	102.46
Ida E. Stevens	125.00	126.71	3.18	3.00	126.89
Mary A. Chase, William and Mary A. Chase	100.00	101.89	2.55	2.00	102.44
Stuart Chase and Sargent	250.00	253.60	6.36	6.00	253.96
Charles A. Noyes—Charles A. Noyes Lot	75.00	76.22	1.91	2.00	76.13
Mason W. R. Downing—John Sargent and Ichabod Nichols Lot	125.00	127.53	3.20	4.00	126.73
William Gilday	200.00	203.44	5.10	4.00	204.54
Moses Stevens	100.00	102.19	2.57	3.00	101.76
Elizabeth M. Cooper—Joseph Cooper Lot	100.00	101.98	2.55	2.00	102.53
Amos Weed	100.00	101.81	2.55	2.00	102.36
E. Fannie Bradley—Daniel Bradley	100.00	102.10	2.57	2.00	102.67
Porter Sargent	150.00	152.65	3.83	4.00	152.48
Addie F. Sawyer	100.00	101.90	2.55	2.00	102.45

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1952
Melville S. Gibbs	100.00	101.56	2.54	2.00	102.10
Arthur C. Sargent	100.00	101.80	2.55	2.00	102.35
Heirs of A. R. Kimball	100.00	102.08	2.57	2.00	102.65
George E. Ricker—Capt. J. W. Sargent	100.00	101.59	2.54	2.00	102.13
Alfred G. Wells—R. K. Nichols, Patriquin & Wells	200.00	203.39	5.10	4.00	204.49
Stephen C. Parsons	200.00	203.24	5.10	4.00	204.34
Alfred H. Colby—A. M. Colby Lot	200.00	203.33	5.10	4.00	204.43
George S. Sargent	100.00	101.51	2.54	2.00	102.05
Frank Ward	200.00	203.45	5.10	4.00	204.55
R. W. Sargent and D. A. Moulton	200.00	203.96	5.12	4.00	205.08
Samuel C. Pease	150.00	152.01	3.81	3.00	152.82
Agnes F. Judkins, George W. & Olive O. Judkins Lot	150.00	152.43	3.83	4.00	152.26
Willard D. Sargent—Edward P. Sargent	200.00	202.69	5.09	4.00	203.78
Everett Carlton—Richard Stoye Lot	100.00	102.12	2.57	2.00	102.69
A. E. Porter—S. L. Porter & Mary Emery	150.00	152.79	3.83	4.00	152.62
Donald MacDiarmid	150.00	152.66	3.83	4.00	152.49
William H. Young	100.00	102.09	2.57	2.00	102.66
Mary A. Hoyt—Thomas Hoyt Lot	200.00	203.52	5.12	4.00	204.64
Willard D. Sargent—Captain Moses Sargent	100.00	102.46	2.57	2.00	103.03
Willard D. Sargent—Nicholas Sargent	100.00	103.23	2.59	3.00	102.82
Lilla P. Larraway—H. W. Larraway Lot	100.00	102.89	2.58	3.00	102.47

Warren E. Wallace	100.00	102.51	2.57	2.00	103.08
Justin Clement	75.00	75.78	1.89	1.00	76.67
Emma P. Emerson—Alfred Chase Lot	100.00	101.97	2.55	2.00	102.52
John W. Foster	150.00	152.72	3.83	3.00	153.55
John H. Cleary	100.00	101.99	2.55	2.00	102.54
M. A. Gassett	100.00	101.94	2.55	2.00	102.49
J. W. Johnson	100.00	102.32	2.57	2.00	102.89
William Greely	300.00	305.36	7.67	6.00	307.03
Moses S. Brown—Charles E. Hoyt Lot	100.00	102.13	2.57	2.00	102.70
John B. Judkins	350.00	387.91	9.74	20.00	377.65
Henry C. Fox	100.00	102.45	2.57	2.00	103.02
George D. Larkin—Little, Larkin & Oliver Larkin Lot	300.00	307.07	7.72	6.00	308.79
Addie Haley	100.00	102.62	2.57	2.00	103.19
Jacob F. Crosby	100.00	102.96	2.58	3.00	102.54
Willis H. Scott	75.00	76.87	1.91	1.00	77.78
Herbert F. Chase	100.00	102.06	2.57	2.00	102.63
Joseph H. Leavitt—Daniel Leavitt Lot	100.00	102.02	2.57	2.00	102.59
William Betts	150.00	152.72	3.83	3.00	153.55
James D. Pike & Horace J. Batchelder	100.00	102.05	2.57	2.00	102.62
George H. Nichols	200.00	204.24	5.13	4.00	205.37
Gustavus D. Veal—G. D. Veal & George Grant Lot	100.00	101.72	2.54	1.00	103.26
Edward G. Sherman	150.00	152.38	3.83	2.00	154.21
Charles E. Rowell	150.00	151.97	3.80	2.00	153.77
Erastus Sargent	100.00	102.30	2.57	2.00	102.87
Mary E. Robinson	150.00	152.24	3.83	3.00	153.07
Charles A. Wallace and Helen Chamberlain	100.00	103.18	2.59	2.00	103.77
Frank C. Williams	100.00	102.57	2.57	2.00	103.14

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1952
Melville A. Cunningham	100.00	103.28	2.59	3.00	102.87
Daniel H. Means	100.00	103.13	2.59	2.00	103.72
Conrad Kippenberger	50.00	51.33	1.28	1.00	51.61
Judson S. Jewett	100.00	102.82	2.58	2.00	103.40
Herbert C. Oak	150.00	153.58	3.85	3.00	154.43
Walter L. Chaloner	200.00	204.32	5.13	4.00	205.45
Benjamin Rowell	50.00	51.03	1.28	1.00	51.31
Moses Sawyer	50.00	52.19	1.30	1.00	52.49
Charles S. Lockwood	100.00	101.96	2.55	2.00	102.51
Fred B. Porter	100.00	102.06	2.57	2.00	102.63
Rufus H. Bennett	100.00	102.75	2.58	2.00	103.33
Thomas H. Hoyt	150.00	152.65	3.83	3.00	153.48
N. L. and Ella S. Howe	100.00	101.74	2.55	2.00	102.29
Edmund Ricker	100.00	101.67	2.54	2.00	102.21
Toppan Sargent and Franklin Mason	100.00	101.53	2.54	1.00	103.07
Austin Sawyer	100.00	102.19	2.57	2.00	102.76
George H. Tilton	100.00	102.09	2.57	2.00	102.66
Moses C. Flanders	50.00	50.95	1.27		52.22
Edwin F. Goodwin and Thomas Goodwin	150.00	153.49	3.85	3.00	154.34
Fred M. Cate	100.00	102.16	2.57		104.73

Mary A. Noyes	100.00	101.85	2.55		104.40
Clara Kendall	200.00	203.59	5.12	4.00	204.71
Daniel W. Gould	100.00	101.53	2.54		104.07
David Tewksbury and Thomas Merrill	150.00	153.35	3.85	3.00	154.20
Stephen Nichols	100.00	101.51	2.54		104.05
Betsy A. Veal	100.00	101.44	2.54		103.98
Frank Hargraves	100.00	101.83	2.55		104.38
John Logan	100.00	102.46	2.57	2.00	103.03
Charles Colman	100.00	102.23	2.57	2.00	102.80
Julia Whaland	150.00	152.80	3.83	2.00	154.63
Norman S. Cole	200.00	204.07	5.13	2.00	207.20
Mary Ordway	100.00	102.15	2.57		104.72
John T. Lovett	200.00	204.14	5.13	3.00	206.27
William H. Franklin	200.00	306.80	7.71	6.00	308.51
Helen G. Linden	100.00	101.40	2.54		103.94
Clifton B. Heath	150.00	151.94	3.80	2.00	153.74
Mary Sargent—Orlando Sargent	100.00	102.07	2.57		104.64
John K. Sargent	100.00	102.92	2.58	2.00	103.50
Mary H. Sargent—Hayden Sargent	100.00	102.85	2.58	2.00	103.43
Roswell J. Eaton	100.00	101.45	2.54		103.99
John E. Currier—Joshua Currier	150.00	153.13	3.85	3.00	153.98
John E. Currier	125.00	127.13	3.19	2.00	128.32
Single Graves	160.00	163.05	4.10	2.00	165.15
Anne M. Sargent—John L. Sargent	125.00	127.37	3.19	2.00	128.56
Fred R. Weed	200.00	205.82	5.16	3.00	207.98
Mary J. Murphy—J. H. Murphy Lot	100.00	103.27	2.59	2.00	103.86
Edward H. Preble	125.00	128.33	3.21	3.00	128.54

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1952
Edwin S. Lane	100.00	103.05	2.59	2.00	103.64
Eldridge D. Young	100.00	102.65	2.57		105.22
Mary E. Hcyt	150.00	153.80	3.85	2.00	155.65
Harriet E. Story—F. A. Sargent and Story Lot	100.00	103.19	2.59	2.00	103.78
Phillip E. Quimby	100.00	101.81	2.55	2.00	102.36
Rebecca P. Little—Arthur Sargent & Ed. Sargent Lot	200.00	204.62	5.14	3.00	206.76
Clarence T. Allison	100.00	102.45	2.57	2.00	103.02
Sarah B. Titcomb and Eva J. Titcomb	300.00	303.24	7.20	4.00	306.44
John Heald—Isaac Heald Lot	200.00	206.01	5.18	4.00	207.19
Jennie S. Prescott—George S. Prescott	100.00	102.51	2.57	2.00	103.08
Annie Tuttle—A. Small—Lawson Lot	100.00	103.64	2.59	2.00	104.23
Benjamin F. Sargent	300.00	306.39	7.71	4.00	310.10
Ralph H. Sargent	100.00	102.57	2.57	2.00	103.14
Fullington Ashley Lot	100.00	103.27	2.59	2.00	103.86
Laura Patten—T. Hayden Patten	200.00	204.00	5.13	4.00	205.13
George T. Crouse	100.00	103.25	2.59	2.00	103.84
Nellie M. Hall—Thomas Fraser Lot	100.00	102.97	2.58	2.00	103.55
Lottie Hopkins—Nichols—Hopkins Lot	100.00	103.13	2.59	2.00	103.72
Louise C. Brackett—William Russell Lot	100.00	102.23	2.57	2.00	102.80
Marion Armstrong—Armstrong & McInnis Lot	400.00	407.22	10.24	8.00	409.46

Theodore L. Hayes	200.00	203.67	5.12	4.00	204.79
Frank M. Haynes	100.00	101.65	2.54		104.19
F. L. Parker	150.00	152.28	3.83	2.00	154.11
Dr F. E. Sweetsir	450.00	457.54	11.50	8.00	461.04
William N. Pettigrew	100.00	137.48	3.45		140.93
Fred S. Hardwick	150.00	153.26	3.85	3.00	154.11
J. Melvin Clement	100.00	103.00	2.59	2.00	103.59
Edwin S. McKay	100.00	102.91	2.58	2.00	103.49
Harry A. Stickney	150.00	153.40	3.85	2.00	155.25
B. F. Hardwick	150.00	153.16	3.85	3.00	154.01
Emma L. Sargent—Orlando Sargent Lot	150.00	153.50	3.85	3.00	154.35
Emma L. Sargent—O. F. Seavey Lot	150.00	152.70	3.83	2.00	154.53
Elsie G. Mathews—Elmer Grant Lot	200.00	203.79	5.12	4.00	204.91
Sarah A. Spillers—Frank Burnham Lot	200.00	204.15	5.13	4.00	205.28
Lettie F. Whitney—Herbert Whitney Lot	300.00	305.42	7.67	5.00	308.09
Fred W. Mathison	100.00	101.66	2.54		104.20
Minnie A. Chapman—Judson Webster Lot	125.00	127.30	3.19	2.00	128.49
Frederick W. Carter	200.00	203.28	5.10	2.00	206.38
Ethel A. Goodwin—Charles Goodwin Lot	200.00	204.76	5.14	4.00	205.90
Lucy J. Bagley—Mrs. Clarence Bagley Lot	100.00	102.33	2.57		104.90
Samuel W. Condon	400.00	411.94	10.35	8.00	414.29
Samuel L. Porter—Joseph Porter Lot	150.00	152.82	3.83	2.00	154.65
Benjamin B. Wood	200.00	203.80	5.12	3.00	205.92
May Belle Brown	100.00	102.76	2.58	3.00	102.34
Norman M. Hunter—A. Goodwin Lot	200.00	202.99	5.09	3.00	205.08
Ida C. Tobey	100.00	106.12	2.67	4.00	104.79
John E. Bean	75.00	77.14	1.94	3.00	76.08
Mary E. Tuxbury	150.00	152.93	3.83	2.00	154.76

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1952
Maud G. Carter	100.00	101.35	2.54		103.89
Georgia G. Patten—Hayden Patten Lot	100.00	102.92	2.58	3.00	102.50
Frank Glines—Glines—Bartlett	150.00	152.18	3.83	2.00	154.01
William Evans—Lucien Chapin Lot	50.00	53.03	1.32	3.00	51.35
William Dwyer	50.00	51.03	1.28		52.31
Delma Black, Adelina T. Jones Lot	100.00	103.24	2.59	2.00	103.83
Ruth Hargraves	100.00	101.49	2.54	2.00	102.03
Jennie Chase—Moses Stevens Lot	100.00	103.09	2.59	3.00	102.68
Richard E. Sargent—E. Fieldsend Lot	100.00	103.08	2.59	3.00	102.67
Richard E. Sargent	125.00	127.77	3.20	3.00	127.97
Eva J. Grant	100.00	120.76	3.03		123.79
Clara Foster—John Foster Lot	200.00	204.95	5.14	4.00	206.09
Jeannette E. Whittier—Wendell B. Whittier	150.00	153.35	3.85	2.00	155.20
Luther W. Bridges—E. C. Bridges, J. Whitman	150.00	153.76	3.85	3.00	154.61
William S. Tuckwell—Newton Tuckwell Lot	50.00	51.53	1.29		52.82
William S. Tuckwell—S. S. Tuckwell Lot	50.00	51.53	1.29		52.82
Abbie W. Sargent—Alexander Smart Lot	225.00	229.51	5.76	6.00	229.27
Francis P. Clement	200.00	203.60	5.12	4.00	204.72
Wilbur H. Colby—Joseph Colby Lot	200.00	204.29	5.13	4.00	205.42
Katherine F. MacMasters	150.00	152.62	3.83	3.00	153.45
Louise A. Thacher	200.00	203.80	5.12	4.00	204.92

Willie Colby—Warren Colby Lot	100.00	103.18	2.59	2.00	103.77
Willie Colby—William H. Colby Lot	100.00	103.20	2.59	3.00	102.79
Alice E. Purdy	150.00	153.42	3.85	3.00	154.27
John S. Poyen	500.00	510.27	12.83	8.00	515.10
Anna Bird	200.00	203.95	5.12	3.00	206.07
Pearl M. Stevens	150.00	153.15	3.85	3.00	154.00
Fred O. Bailey	200.00	204.15	5.13	4.00	205.28
Charles L. Waterhouse	150.00	153.42	3.85	3.00	154.27
Sarah K. Noyes	100.00	101.34	2.54		103.88
Clarence W. Crosby	150.00	151.96	3.80	2.00	153.76
Donald E. Stevens—Charles Stevens Lot	300.00	305.19	7.67	6.00	306.86
Edith E. Wood—James Wood Lot	150.00	155.53	3.90	4.00	155.43
Augustus N. Parry—John and Louise Elliott	100.00	103.36	2.59	3.00	102.95
Dustin Hall and B. Frost	400.00	406.96	10.23	8.00	409.19
Charles L. Waterhouse—Almon Waterhouse Lot	150.00	153.26	3.85	3.00	154.11
Charles L. Waterhouse—Moses Sargent Lot	150.00	153.82	3.85	3.00	154.67
Leon L. Dow	200.00	204.66	5.14	4.00	205.80
Harry W. Bailey—Richard Bailey	200.00	204.81	5.14	4.00	205.95
George S. Nelson—Brown—Nelson	100.00	102.70	2.57	2.00	103.27
Edith A. Wood—George T. Goldsmith	150.00	154.50	3.88	4.00	154.38
Pollie C. Grant—F. C. Grant Lot	150.00	154.22	3.88	4.00	154.10
Sarah Anderson—Moses Evans—Moses Hoyt Lot	100.00	103.39	2.59	3.00	102.98
Clara E. Patten—Patten Clement Lot	200.00	206.69	5.19	5.00	206.88
Byron Sargent	300.00	313.23	7.87	8.00	313.10
Alice Mercer	200.00	208.25	5.23	4.00	209.48
William Cleary	200.00	208.25	5.23	5.00	208.48
John A. Tidd	200.00	206.05	5.18	5.00	206.23

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1952
Nellie Newhall	200.00	206.01	5.18	4.00	207.19
Sadie Hopkins—J. Danforth	100.00	103.31	2.59	3.00	102.90
Charles A. Bacon	150.00	154.22	3.88	3.00	155.10
William D. Large	150.00	154.22	3.88	2.00	156.10
Maude Adams	200.00	207.47	5.22	6.00	206.69
Charles L. Waterhouse	100.00	102.78	2.58	2.00	103.36
The Olive S. Wilde Fund—Morse—Wilde	300.00	315.85	7.93	8.00	315.78
Mabel Bettors	150.00	154.23	3.88	4.00	154.11
Zenas Lovell	200.00	206.65	5.19	5.00	206.84
Parker Walton	200.00	206.35	5.18	4.00	207.53
Estate of William Tuckwell	200.00	205.15	5.15	5.00	205.30
Esther M. Gormley—Katherine Connor Lot	150.00	154.91	3.88	4.00	154.79
Henrietta Anderson—Samuel Goodwin Lot.....	150.00	154.91	3.88	4.00	154.79
Anderson Heaton	50.00	52.43	1.31	2.00	51.74
Mary E. Chaff	100.00	104.73	2.63	3.00	104.36
Cora L. Wadleigh—D. Porter Wadleigh	150.00	154.07	3.88	3.00	154.95
Grace L. MacDonald—John Colman Lot	150.00	154.07	3.88	3.00	154.95
George Hosford	200.00	206.09	5.18	4.00	207.27
A. W. Chase	100.00	103.53	2.59	3.00	103.12
A. Merrill Howe	200.00	206.09	5.18	4.00	207.27
Luella Cunningham	200.00	205.09	5.15	5.00	205.24

Imogene Pettigrew	150.00	156.32	3.93	4.00	156.25
Frances and Bernard Bailey	150.00	153.71	3.85	3.00	154.56
Sybil A. Schiavoni	100.00	103.87	2.60	3.00	103.47
Mary C. Smith	200.00	207.75	5.22	6.00	206.97
Alberta Perreault	150.00	153.47	3.85	2.00	155.32
George W. J. Murphy	200.00	205.33	5.15	4.00	206.48
Harriet E. Cupples	500.00	515.66	12.97	10.00	518.63
Eva L. Lavalley	200.00	207.61	5.22	6.00	206.83
Isaiah S. McClure	100.00	103.63	2.59	2.00	104.22
Minnie Morrison, George M. Eaton, John E. Trull	200.00	203.86	5.12	4.00	204.98
Estate of J. E. Kemp	150.00	155.42	3.90	4.00	155.32
F. Leslie Viccaro	150.00	162.33	4.08	6.00	160.41
George E. Franklin	150.00	154.17	3.88	4.00	154.05
Stella Shorts	150.00	154.63	3.88	4.00	154.51
Gertrude L. Williams	200.00	205.12	5.15	4.00	206.27
William Lamb	35.00	36.46	.90	1.00	36.36
Ellen G. Heath	400.00	409.82	10.29	8.00	412.11
Ernest P. Dill	300.00	306.59	7.71	6.00	308.30
Emma L. Randall	300.00	307.59	7.73	5.00	310.32
Rudolph J. & Vivian Woyvoda	200.00	205.38	5.15	4.00	206.53
William H. Churchill	200.00	204.03	5.13	4.00	205.16
The Ada Seymore Trust	50.00	51.58	1.29	1.00	51.87
Helen F. Lucv	300.00	304.42	7.65	5.00	307.07
Carleton C. Witham	200.00	203.96	5.12	4.00	205.08
Charles E. Colman	200.00	203.96	5.12	4.00	205.08
Albert Ellis	150.00	153.30	3.85	3.00	154.15
William Rowell and William Sayre	300.00	305.46	7.67	5.00	308.13
Ralph and Minnie Sargent	300.00	305.46	7.67	5.00	308.13

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1952
Pearle Kinney—Harry Kinney	200.00	203.30	5.10	3.00	205.40
Ida E. Cushing	300.00	304.89	7.65	5.00	307.54
George W. Earl	300.00	304.31	7.65	5.00	306.96
George W. Evans	300.00	304.31	7.65	5.00	306.96
Samuel Colby	100.00	101.04	2.54	1.00	102.58
Burton Colby	100.00	101.04	2.54	1.00	102.58
Nettie Morse	200.00	202.08	5.08	2.00	205.16
James T. Colgan	200.00	202.08	5.08	4.00	203.16
Kenneth and Marion Haskell	200.00	201.25	5.05	3.00	203.30
Clarence V. Huntress	300.00	301.88	7.57	4.00	305.45
Florence Lee	100.00	100.00	2.08		102.08
1952 Additions — New Accounts					
Charles Vincent	250.00		4.18		254.18
Francis MacDonald	150.00		1.56		151.56
Follansbee Nichols lot	300.00		1.88		301.88
Charles Odiorne	100.00		.31		100.31
Bertha Clarke	300.00		1.25		301.25
E. D. Ovington	200.00				200.00
	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>\$46,837.54</u>	<u>\$1,183.99</u>	<u>\$908.00</u>	<u>\$48,413.53</u>

RECAPITULATION

Balance January 1, 1952	\$ 46,837.54
Interest added 1952	1,183.99
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	48,021.53
Withdrawals 1952	908.00
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	47,113.53
New Requests Added to Funds in 1952	1,300.00
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	\$ 48,413.53

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1952

ASSETS

Cash Balance	\$111,853.41	Withholding Tax	\$ 1,379.06
Cash Balance Light Depreciation	10,144.41	Reserves for Petty Cash Advances	160.00
Petty Cash Advance Town Office	10.00	Consumers Deposits	1,414.38
Petty Cash Advance Light & Water Office	125.00	Sale land of low value excess book value ..	306.77
Petty Cash Advance Tax Collector	25.00	Sale lots 1952	285.00
Poll Taxes 1951	2.00	County Taxes	532.18
Personal Property Taxes 1951	1,834.24	Road Machinery	1,866.90
Real Estate Taxes 1951	3,485.06	Overlay surplus	787.66
Poll Taxes 1952	28.00	Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	4,612.99
Personal Property Taxes 1952	4,747.88	Tax Title Revenue	8,251.08
Real Estate Taxes 1952	26,385.46	Departmental Revenue	114.20
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1951	237.08	Light Revenue	3,332.71
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1952	4,275.91	Water Revenue	3,379.36
New England Timber Salvage	1,427.80	State & County Aid to Highway Revenue ..	8,137.73
Tax Titles	6,400.31	New England Timber Salvage Revenue	1,427.80
Tax Possessions	1,850.77	Purchase Regulators for Light Dept.	8,598.40
Welfare Account Receivable	67.20	Premium Sale Light Bonds	31.75
Old Age Assistance (Acc. Receivable	47.00	School Building Fund Construction	227.61
Light Accounts Receivable, Light	1,955.43	Surplus Revenue	106,382.05
Light Accounts Receivable, Power	58.06	Guaranteed Deposits	100.00
Light Accounts Miscellaneous	1,319.22	School Fund Ch. 658	45.88
Water Accounts Receivable, Rates	2,498.30	School Lunch	2,498.72

LIABILITIES

TRUST FUNDS

Cash in Custody of Town Treasurer	\$ 79,424.41	War Bonds	\$ 569.29
		Library Funds	2,400.00
		Thomas Hoyt Library Funds	25,001.50
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	48,413.53
		Kimball Park Funds	3,040.09
	<u>\$ 79,424.41</u>		<u>\$ 79,424.41</u>

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUNDS

	Balance Dec. 31, 1951	Interest	Added in 1952	Balance Dec. 31, 1952
Electric Light Depreciation				
Provident Institution, Amesbury	\$3,602.22	\$ 108.87	\$	\$ 3,711.09
Merrimac Savings Bank	3,367.60	65.72	3,000.00	6,433.32
	<u>\$6,969.82</u>	<u>\$ 174.59</u>	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,144.41</u>

PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Original Amount	Balance		Interest	Withdrawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1952
		Dec. 31, 1951				
Nichols Memorial Fund	\$ 500.00	\$	500.00	\$ 12.58	\$ 12.58	\$ 500.00
James D. Whittier	457.07		500.00	12.58	12.58	500.00
D. J. Poore	500.00		500.00	12.58	12.58	500.00
A. E. Goodwin	200.00		200.00	5.03	5.03	200.00
Laura Patten	500.00		559.97	13.24	73.21	500.00
Willie Colby	200.00		200.00	5.03	5.03	200.00
Thomas H. Hoyt			11,951.30	302.36	114.66	
			<u>\$ 14,411.27</u>			\$ 12,501.50
Added to Hoyt Fund Merrimac Account						
				362.50		
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Balances in Merrimac Savings Bank		\$	14,411.27	\$ 725.90	\$ 235.67	\$ 14,901.50
Haverhill Savings Bank—T. H. Hoyt Fund			5,000.00	137.50	137.50	5,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank—T. H. Hoyt Fund			7,500.00	225.00	225.00	7,500.00
			<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		\$	26,911.27	\$ 1,088.40	\$ 598.17	\$ 27,401.50

KIMBALL PARK FUNDS

	Balance Dec. 31, 1951	Interest	With- drawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1952
Amos Weed	\$ 2,025.00	\$50.34	\$40.00	\$2,035.34
Judith Kimball	1,020.50	25.25	41.00	1,004.75
	<u>\$ 3,045.50</u>	<u>\$75.59</u>	<u>\$81.00</u>	<u>\$3,040.09</u>

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Balance January 1, 1952	\$8,513.69
Added to Fund, Interest & Coupon 1952	569.29
	<u>\$9,082.98</u>
Bonds sold and Withdrawals from Fund for School Build- ing Fund	8,513.69
Balance December 31, 1952	<u>\$ 569.29</u>

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

May 21, 1952

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. J. Arthur Ollis, Chairman

Merrimac, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Merrimac for the period from February 9, 1951 to December 31, 1951, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG

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Director of Accounts

Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an

audit of the books and accounts of the town of Merrimac for the period from February 9, 1951, the date of the previous audit, to December 31, 1951, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions as shown on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the books of the town accountant and the treasurer.

The town accountant's ledger accounts were analyzed and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were checked with the treasurer's books, while the recorded payments were compared with the treasurer's cash book, with the treasury warrants, and with the approved bills and payrolls on file. The appropriations, transfers, and loan authorizations, as entered, were checked with the town clerk's records of town meetings and with the finance committee's records of transfers authorized from the reserve fund.

A trial balance was taken off proving the accounts to be in balance, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1951.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book additions were verified and the recorded receipts were compared with the accountant's books, with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town, and with the other sources from which money is paid into the town treasury. The recorded payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the accountant's ledger.

The cash balance on December 31, 1951 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by verification of the cash in the office.

The recorded payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The outstanding coupons were listed and reconciled with a statement furnished by the bank in which such funds are deposited.

The transactions of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were verified and the securities and saving bank books representing the investment of these funds were personally examined and listed.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked in detail. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the tax collector's records and the accountant's books, the reported redemptions were checked with the treasurer's cash book, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed, proved, and checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The records of payroll deductions on account of federal taxes were examined, listed, and proved to the accountant's ledger control.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The poll and property taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise outstanding at the time of the previous audit, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and checked to the warrants for their collection. The payments to the treasurer were

checked to the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessor's records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked in detail. The collections on account of dog and sporting licenses and gasoline renewals issued were verified and compared with the payments to the town treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game.

The surety bonds filed by the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the school department were examined and checked. The records of receipts from the cafeteria and from athletic activities were checked, and the payments to the town treasurer were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts.

The records of departmental collections of the board of selectmen, the sealer of weights and measures, the health, library, and cemetery departments, and of all other departments in which money is collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the town treasurer were verified and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

It was noted that the milk inspector does not pay over his receipts to the treasurer, at least monthly, as required by the provisions of Section 53, Chapter 44, General Laws.

The books and accounts of the electric light department were examined and checked. The charges for light, power, and miscellaneous sales were totaled, the cash receipts as recorded were footed, the payments to the treasurer and the discounts were verified, and the outstanding

accounts were listed and proved to the accountant's books.

The records of the water department were examined and checked. The commitment lists were analyzed, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Further verification of the outstanding tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, departmental, electric light, and water accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, together with summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, tax title, tax possession, departmental, electric light, and water accounts, as well as tables showing the trust and investment fund transactions.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all town officials, for which I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

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TOWN OF MERRIMAC
Balance Sheet — December 31, 1951
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash:		Federal Withholding Taxes,	\$ 1,020.86
General,	\$195,364.56	Overestimates 1951:	
Electric Light Depreciation,	6,969.82	State Parks & Reservations	
Petty Cash Advances,	160.00	Assessment,	32.80
	<u>\$202,494.38</u>	County Tax,	266.03
			<u>\$ 298.83</u>
Accounts Receivable:		Dog Licenses — Due County, ..	\$ 48.80
Taxes:		Reserve for Petty Cash Advances:	
Levy of 1949:		Town Office,	10.00
Real Estate,	\$.05	Tax Collector,	25.00
Levy of 1950:		Light and Water,	125.00
Personal Property,	311.24		<u>\$ 160.00</u>
Real Estate,	3,734.80	School Athletic Fund,	\$ 45.20
Levy of 1951:		School Lunch Fund,	\$ 89.96
Poll,	22.00	Electric Light Department	
Personal Property,	3,039.36	Consumers' Deposits,	\$ 1,234.38
Real Estate,	20,300.86	School Const. Plans Deposits, ..	\$ 100.00
	<u>\$ 27,408.31</u>		

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1950,	\$ 13.79	
Levy of 1951,	3,203.66	
	—————	\$ 3,217.45
New England Timber Salvage Corporation Taxes,		\$ 1,427.80
Tax Titles,	\$ 5,973.97	
Tax Possessions,	1,850.77	
	—————	\$ 7,824.74
Departmental		
Temporary Aid:		
State,	\$ 17.20	
Cities and Towns,	55.00	
Aid to Dependent Children,	916.82	
Old Age Assistance:		
Cities and Towns,	253.67	
	—————	\$ 1,242.69
Municipal Light:		
Light,	\$ 2,196.34	
Power,	61.32	
Miscellaneous,	1,162.64	
	—————	\$ 3,420.50
Water:		
Rates,	\$ 2,438.01	
Premium on Loans:		
Reserve for Payment of Sch. Construction Debt,	\$ 2,217.10	
Reserve for Payment of Electric Light Debt,	31.75	
Reserve for Payment of Water Debt,	66.25	
	—————	\$ 2,315.10
Sale of Real Estate Fund,	\$ 3,650.00	
Excess from Sale of Lands of Low Value, Section 79, Chap. 60, General Laws,	\$ 306.77	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests,	\$ 250.00	
Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund,	\$ 330.00	
Road Machinery Fund,	\$ 2,273.50	
Federal Grants:		
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Aid,	\$ 604.86	
Administration,	396.24	
Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance,	\$ 9,678.06	
Administration,	1,837.15	
	—————	\$ 12,516.31

Assessment,	\$ 466.72	Surplus Revenue,	\$ 87,874.44
	<u>\$262,985.28</u>		<u>\$262,985.28</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	\$373,000.00	School Construction Loan 1951,	\$339,000.00
		Electric Light Loan 1951,	20,000.00
		Water Mains Loan 1949,	14,000.00
	<u>\$373,000.00</u>		<u>\$373,000.00</u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		Willie Colby Library Fund,	\$ 200.00
Cash and Securities,	\$ 85,308.00	A. E. Goodwin Library Fund,	200.00
		Thomas H. Hoyt Library Fund,	24,451.30
		Nichols Memorial Library Fund,	500.00
		Laura Patten Library Fund,	559.97
		D. J. Poore Library Fund,	500.00
		James D. Whittier Library Fund,	500.00
		Kimball Park Fund,	3,045.50
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund,	46,837.54
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	8,513.69
	<u>\$ 85,308.00</u>		<u>\$ 85,308.00</u>

VOTE FOR OFFICERS, ANNUAL ELECTION**March 3, 1952**

Votes Cast (Men 433, Women 396), Total 829

Moderator, for one year

Clifford R. Howe, 5 Forest Street	649
Blanks	180

Town Clerk, for one year

C. Howard Phillips, 48 Church St.	666
Blanks	163

Selectmen, for one year

Ralph L. Buzzell, 63 School St.	543
Robert E. Fryer, 68 West Main St.	285
Kenneth E. Haskell, Bear Hill Road	389
J. Arthur Ollis, 37 East Main St.	567
Francis J. Mathews, Emery St.	143
Blanks	560

Board of Public Welfare, for one year

Hazen M. Emery, 15 Judkins Ct.	630
J. Arthur Ollis, 37 East Main St.	639
Ellen M. Wallace, 9 Central St.	571
Blanks	647

Assessor, for three years

Alvin F. Heath, 33 Grove St.	647
Blanks	182

Treasurer, for one year

Roy C. Journey, 10 Prospect St.	656
Blanks	173

Tax Collector, for three years

Wilfred G. Journey, 28 Grove St.	657
Blanks	172

School Committee, for three years

Alfred E. Lambert, Jr., 92 Church St.	599
Blanks	230

Trustee of Cemeteries, for three years

George R. Buzzell, 33 School St.	1
Howard L. DeLong, 7 Pine St.	1
Henry D. Lay, 59 West Main St.	21
Arthur D. Lockwood, 39 Main St.	1
Cecil E. Welch, 19 Middle St.	6
Blanks	799

Trustee of Kimball Park, for three years

Alexander Q. Blake, 18 Main St.	1
George R. Buzzell, 33 School St.	1
Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main St.	1
John W. Kirkpatrick, 19 Grove St.	1
Harold C. Lamb, 3 Abbott St.	1
Henry D. Lay, 59 West Main St.	4
Merrill B. Smith, 46 East Main St.	1
Charles J. Vincent, Currier Ave.	1
Chester E. Whiting, 37 Main St.	1
Blanks	817

Arthur D. Lockwood appointed Trustee to finish out
balance of year due to resignation of Frank Russo

Doland J. Selby appointed for balance of year by
Selectmen, July, 1952

Library Trustees, for three years

Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main St.	593
Alvin F. Heath, 33 Grove St.	586
Blanks	479

Light Commissioner, for three years

Howard L. DeLong, 7 Pine St.	327
William H. Franklin, 55 Main St.	403
Blanks	99

Water Commissioner, for three years

Howard L. DeLong, 7 Pine St.	322
William H. Franklin, 55 Main St.	413
Blanks	94

Constables, for one year

George R. Buzzell, Sr., 33 School St.	630
Ronald C. Sarasin, 65 Church St.	512
Alexander M. Sullivan, 20 Locust St.	668
Blanks	677

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark,
for one year

Ralph L. Buzzell, 67 School St.	2
Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main St.	1
Kenneth E. Haskell, Bear Hill Rd.	1

Willard T. Kelly, Birch Meadow Rd.	1
Franklin Sanborn, Emery St.	1
Richard E. Sargent, Bear Hill Rd.	2
Donald J. Selby, 28 Church St.	1
Blanks	2,478

Robert L. Eckert appointed by Selectmen, March 11,
1952 to finish year

Tree Warden, for one year

Harold C. Lamb, 3 Abbott St.	548
Blanks	281

Playground Commission, for five years

Glen I. Blackden, 9 Green St.	1
George D. Currier, Prospect Hill	5
Howard L. DeLong, 7 Pine St.	1
Francis J. Noone, 8 Pleasant St.	2
Alexander M. Sullivan, 20 Locust St.	1
Blanks	818

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Essex, ss.

To Maurice Carey, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in Sargent Hall on

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1953

at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year, Town Clerk for one year, three Selectmen for one year, three Members of the Department of Public Welfare for one year, one Assessor for three years, one Assessor for one year, Treasurer for one year, one Member of the School Committee for three years, one Trustee of Cemeteries for three years, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, one Trustee of Kimball Park for three years, one Trustee of Kimball Park for two years, one Trustee of Kimball Park for one year, one Commissioner of Playground for five years, one Commissioner of Municipal Light for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, three Constables for one year, three Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark for one year and a Tree Warden for one year.

In voting under this article the polls may be closed not earlier than four o'clock P. M.

Article 2. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the Salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as Provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended; Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Members of the Board of Public Welfare, three Assessors, Treasurer, three Members of the School Committee, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, three Water Commissioners, and raise and appropriate sums of money, therefore.

Article 4. To determine what sums of money shall be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1953 and make appropriations for same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1800.00) for the maintenance of Road Machinery to keep Road Machinery in operation, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the Financial year beginning January 1, 1954 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the Playground Commission to be used at their discretion on the playground during the current year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen or their authorized agent may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate, or may after such auction has been held sell such property provided that in their estimation an adequate offer may be made.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used under the supervision of the Selectmen for any necessary repairs or other expense to Tax Possessions.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$650.00) for the Board of Registrars Expense under Chapter 427 and Chapter 440 of Acts and Resolves of the General Court for the year 1938, said appropriation being made for the year 1953.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$285.00) from the sale of Cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "care, improvement and embellishment" of said cemetery, according to Section 15 and Section 25 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to meet such legal expenses as may occur due to suits or other action against the Town or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction or Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to make necessary repairs in or on or around the Town Hall or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money not to exceed Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) from free cash in the Treasury toward the reduction of the 1953 Tax Rate.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 and Highway Construction or Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to pay the salary of the Veterans Service Officer.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise

and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for expenses of the Veterans Service Officer.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Six cents (\$3,379.06), said sum to be paid the Essex County Retirement Board for various funds of the Essex County Retirement System.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance and operation of the Water Department, and to pay any water loans that may be due in the year 1953, and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation, water surplus or water revenue; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00), said amount to be paid the Welfare Agent as salary for the year 1953.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), said amount to be spent for control of Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for rental of quarters for the use of the American Legion Post.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise

and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) to pay notes due for School Construction in the year 1953.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for salary of Dog Officer.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) to be spent under the direction of the Civil Defense Director and supervision of the Selectmen for Civilian Defense or take any action relative thereto.

Article 28. On petition of Beatrice Henry and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to extend the Street Lighting system from the corner of Billings and Ridgefield Roads, down along Ridgefield Road to the corner of Pinehurst Road, which would be approximately 3 lights.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to name the new elementary school "Merrimac Elementary School."

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty-Six Hundred Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$5,600.13) from the Electric Light Operating balance to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1953.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept Union Street extension from the property line of Elwin

E. Rollins southerly around the new elementary school grounds and thence easterly to Locust Street to a point adjoining the property formerly owned by Nina Reynolds, a distance of approximately two-tenths of a mile.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to reappoint our Merrimac Regional Investigation Committee.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to appoint from the floor a School Housing Committee whose purpose will be to study all angles of this problem and recommend to the Town what they believe is the best long range plan to follow.

Article 34. On petition of Gladys V. Crane and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), said amount to be used to transplant trees under the supervision of the Tree Warden.

Article 35. On petition of Alfred E. Lambert Jr. and others to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee for the purpose of investigating the advisability of selling the Merrimac Light Department; said committee to prepare a detailed report of its findings and distribute said data to all taxpayers of the Town of Merrimac for their action at some future Town Meeting. Suggested Committee, Chairman of Municipal Light Comm., Chairman of Board of Selectmen, Chairman of School Committee, Chairman of Board of Assessors, and Chairman of Finance Board.

Article 36. On petition of Robert C. Calnan and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate

the sum of Twenty three Hundred Dollars (\$2300.00) to purchase a Mist Blower Sprayer for the use of the Dutch Elm Disease Control and Moth Department.

Article 37. On petition of Maurice Carey and others to see if the Town shall vote to accept the provisions of Sec. 111A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws entitled: An act relative to the granting of vacations for members of the regular or permanent Police and Fire Forces in certain cities and towns be accepted.

Article 38. On petition of Maurice Carey and others to see if the Town will vote to accept the Two-Way Radio Communication Equipment given to the Town by the people of the Town and raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) for maintenance of same for the year 1953.

Article 39. On petition of Maurice Carey and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Chief of Police and supervision of the Board of Selectmen for the purchase of a cruiser that can also be used as an Ambulance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 40. On petition of Maurice Carey and others to see if the Town shall accept the provisions of Section 11A of Chapter 85 of the General Laws entitled: An act relative to the Registration and operation of certain bicycles and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) to be used for same for the year of 1953.

Article 41. On petition of Maurice Carey and others to see if the Town shall vote to accept the provisions of Sec-

tion 16A of Chapter 147 of the General Laws providing for six day week for members of the Police Force in cities and towns.

Article 42. On petition of Gladys V. Crane and others to see if the Town will vote to change the name of Pleasant Street in the Merrimacport Section of the Town, to South Pleasant Street.

Article 43. On petition of George R. Hoyt and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) to continue the present water system from a point opposite the residence of Robert Young along Birch Meadow Road to a point at the junction of Hadley and Birch Meadow Road, a distance of approximately 740 feet, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) to purchase hose for the Fire Department.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10000.00) to purchase a Fire Truck under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Fire Engineers, or taken any action relative thereto.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Fire Engineers to dispose of the 1926 model Reo Fire Truck.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell at public auction the Center School Building, provided that the said building be removed from the present site.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to sell the sand pit on Emery Street consisting of approximately one acre.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven public places in said Town of Merrimac at least seven days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Merrimac this 5th day of January 1953.

J. ARTHUR OLLIS

RALPH L. BUZZELL

KENNETH E. HASKELL

Selectmen

A true copy: Attest:

MAURICE CAREY,

Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed I hereby warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein expressed.

MAURICE CAREY,

Constable

Merrimac, Mass., January 5, 1953.

In Memoriam

CLIFFORD R. HOWE

1881 - 1952

Born in Merrimac, Mass., Sept. 24, 1881

Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor in
Merrimac, 1922

Assessor 1923 - 1937 and 1938 - 1952

Town Moderator 1935 - 1952

ORIN W. BURKE

1852 - 1952

Born in Parsonfield, Maine, 1852

Died Feb. 1, 1952, age 99 years

Oldest Male Resident

Resident of Merrimac, Mass. over 50 years

Special Police Officer in Merrimac many years

WILLIAM H. RAFFERTY

(Of Amesbury, Mass.)

1895 - 1952

Very active for many years in aiding Merrimac athletic
sports

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MERRIMAC

For The Year Ending December 31,

1952



SCHOOL REPORT

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 82nd annual printed school report.

HOWARD L. DeLONG, Chairman

ALFRED E. LAMBERT, Jr., Secretary

RUSSELL B. KELLY

School Committee

SCHOOL OFFICERS

John C. Page, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Address: West Newbury Telephone W. N. 52

Margaret R. Sawyer, Secretary
Address: Rye, N. H.

Alexander M. Sullivan, Supervisor of Attendance
Address: Locust Street

Howard L. DeLong, Working Certificates
Address: 7 Pine Street

A. Frances Davis, M.D., School Physician
Address: 16 Main Street

Annie L. Gleed, R.N., School Nurse
Address: West Main Street

J. A. Hawes, D.M.D., School Dental Examiner
Address: 113 Main Street, Amesbury

Clara Anderson, R.N., School Dental Nurse
Address: 15 Nichols Street

SCHOOL CALENDAR

(Continued from 1951 Town Report)

Winter term: January 5 to February 20, 1953. 7 weeks

Third term: March 2, to April 24, 1953. 8 weeks

Spring term: May 4, to June 12, 1953 (Elem) 6 weeks

Grade 8 graduation, — June 16, 1953

High School graduation, — June 18, 1953

Fall term: September 8, 1953 — Registration Day

September 9, to December 18, 1953,

Elementary School

September 9, to December 23, 1953,

High School

Winter term: January 4, 1954 to February 19, 1954

7 weeks

Schools also close on Memorial Day, Columbus Day, Essex County Teachers' Convention; Armistice Day, and Thanksgiving recess.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

7:15 A.M. 11—11 long pause 1. No school in grades only

7:15 A.M. 11—11—11. No school in all schools

11:20 A.M. Same signal. One session.

12:30 A.M. Same signal. No school in afternoon.

NO SCHOOL announcements will also be made over Stations WHAV and WLAW after 7:00 o'clock in the morning.

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF, OCTOBER, 1952

Position	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Yrs. in Merrimac
High School			
Prin., Soc. Studies	Edward S. Morrow	5	5
English	Isabelle M. Phelan	9.6	9.6
French & Latin	Joan M. Gullage	1.7	1.7
Science	Rene M. Bernasconi, Jr.	.5	.5
Mathematics	Rodney F. Mansfield	0	0
Commercial Studies	Joan M. Webster	0	0
New Elem. School			
Prin., Vice Principal	Helen R. Donaghue	14.5	7.8
Remedial Reading	Miriam M. Felch	6	6
Grade 8	Frederick J. Noone	1	0
Grade 7	Cornelia E. Wolfe	12	7
Grade 6 and 7	Millard P. Nute	0	0
Grade 6	Howard G. Patchett	31	21
Grade 5	Margaret W. Hume	14	4
Grade 4 and 5	Ruth W. Higginbotham	18	0
Grade 4	Gertrude A. Dowd	3	3
Grade 3	Frances H. O'Connor	15	4
Grade 2 and 3	Mae Ethel Davis	24.5	19.5
Grade 2	Caroline M. Verrette	12	4
Grade 1	Helen K. Manning	27.7	25.7
Grade 1	Ethel B. Whiting	7	7
Drawing Teacher	Richard J. Herman	3	3
Music Teacher	Doris M. Currier	30.5	21
	B.S.E., 1949, Mass. School of Art Institute of Music Pedagogy		
	B.S., Univ. of N. H.		
	B.S.E., 1941, Tufts		
	A.B., 1950, Siena Heights College		
	B.A., 1950, McGill University		
	Ed.M., 1952, Tufts		
	B.S., 1952, Univ. of N. H.		
	B.S.E., 1952, Salem Teachers College		
	Bridgewater Normal, 1929		
	B.S., 1936, Kutztown, Pa., State Teachers College		
	B.S., 1951, Boston College		
	A.B., 1931, Boston Univ.		
	B.A., 1951, Univ. of N. H.		
	B.A., 1914, Union; M.A., 1926, Clark Newburyport Training, 1909		
	A.B., 1929, Univ. of N. H.		
	B.S.E., 1935, Lowell		
	Lowell Normal, 1928		
	Salem Normal		
	Salem Normal, 1917		
	Bridgewater Normal, 1918		
	A.B., 1913, Bates		

1952 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Regular school appropriation	\$85,415.00
Refunded dog tax	322.84
Returned checks	99.82
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Total available for schools	\$85,837.66
Total expenditures	85,539.94
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Balance	\$ 297.72
Reimbursements:	
Supt. Schools	\$ 933.34
Gen. School Fund (Ch. 70 G.L.)	20,304.04
All school Transportation	1,005.00
Tuition, Transp. State Wards	2,796.39
Sale school property	60.00
Telephone—tolls	3.03
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	\$25,101.80
Total expenditures	\$85,539.94
Total reimbursements	25,101.80
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Net cost to town	\$60,438.14

Summary of Expenditures

General Control

School committee expenses	\$ 16.28
Supt. Schools' salary	1,550.00
Secretary's salary	625.00

Travel expenses & office costs	384.63	
Law enforcement	491.49	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,067.40

Cost of Instruction

Full-time teachers & subs	53,030.01	
Part-time teachers (art, etc.)	2,712.36	
Text books	2,502.07	
School supplies	2,193.62	
Audio-visual supplies & exp.	121.54	
	<hr/>	\$60,559.60

Lunchroom salaries	1,604.36
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Cost of Operation

Janitors' salaries	\$ 3,631.41	
Fuel	2,779.54	
Janitors' supplies, etc.	852.13	
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Maintenance	\$ 3,298.10
Athletics	516.64
Libraries	643.71
Health	1,305.84
Transportation	3,460.14
Equipment	3,459.49
Telephone, miscellaneous	361.58
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	\$85,539.94

1953 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

General Control

School committee expenses	\$ 25.00
Supt. Schools' salary	1,550.00

Secretary's salary	625.00	
Travel expenses & office costs	608.00	
Law enforcement	325.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,133.00

Cost of Instruction

Full-time teachers & subs	\$61,967.00	
Part-time teachers (art, etc.)	3,000.00	
Text books	2,500.00	
School supplies	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$69,467.00

School Lunch salaries	4,732.00
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Cost of Operation

Janitors' salaries	\$ 5,200.00	
Fuel	3,800.00	
Janitors' supplies, etc.	800.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,800.00

Maintenance	3,500.00
Athletics	350.00
Libraries	200.00
Health	1,275.00
Transportation	5,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Telephone, miscellaneous	300.00
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	\$99,757.00

Estimated reimbursements:

Supt. Schools	\$ 933.33	
General School Fund (Ch. 70 G.L.)	24,041.54	
All school Transportation	1,160.00	
	<hr/>	\$26,134.87

Total estimated expenditures	\$99,757.00
Total estimated reimbursements	26,134.87
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Estimated net cost to town	\$73,622.13

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION STATEMENT

Vocational education appropriation	\$2,000.00
Vocational education expenditures	1,536.97
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Balance	\$ 463.03
Vocational education expenditures	\$1,536.97
Vocational education reimbursements	467.73
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Net cost to town	\$1,069.24

SCHOOL FUND (Athletics)—Chap. 658, Acts of 1950

Balance Jan. 1, 1952	\$ 43.19
Total receipts (from game admissions, etc.)	340.16
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	\$ 383.35
Total expenditures (federal taxes, referees, transportation etc.)	337.47
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Balance December 31, 1952	\$ 45.88

SCHOOL LUNCH—Chap. 417, Acts of 1950

January 1, balance	\$ 91.97
Appropriated	2,500.00
U. S. D. A. claims	1,126.27
Collections from sale of milk and lunches	5,134.29
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Total receipts	\$8,852.53
Expenditures	
Wages	\$ 91.80
Food	5,417.40
All other	843.90
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	\$6,353.10
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Balance December 31, 1952	\$2,499.43

OPENING OF NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The outstanding school event in Merrimac in 1952 was the dedication and opening of the new twelve-classroom elementary school on Union Street. The dedication was on Sunday afternoon, August 24. An estimated three hundred were present. The building was accepted for the town by Mr. J. Arthur Ollis, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, from Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir, Chairman of the Building Committee, and was accepted from Mr. Ollis for the school department by Mr. Howard L. DeLong, Chairman of the School Committee. The flag pole from the Lion's Club of Merrimac was presented by Mr. William H. Franklin, King Lion. A flag and bible from the Jr. U. A. M. was presented by Past Councilor Clifton V. Bixby, Amesbury No. 10. Contributions amounting to over

ten thousand dollars had been donated for the completion of the building by citizens and other friends and organizations. The school department feels a deep sense of gratitude. The teachers' room was furnished by M. H. S alumnae of 1902, 1931, 1933. A cornerstone copper box had been donated by Mr. W. H. Franklin and dental equipment by Dr. John A. Hawes.

The opening of the new school building began a new chapter in the history of Merrimac schools. Ever since Merrimac rescinded the vote it took in 1933, to accept a federal grant under NIRA for the purpose of building a new consolidated school, (many towns built at that time), it had decided to let the procession pass by as far as school buildings were concerned. Its facilities had furnished no school lunch, no indoor play space, gymnasium facilities or assembly hall, little modern school furniture, no separate nurse's clinic or teachers' room, no conference and working rooms for principals and for building custodians, no space for a remedial reading program, no modern classroom lighting, no opportunity for an adequate audio-visual program, and even no proper out-of-door playgrounds.

A new chapter initiated in 1952 may have brought its problems, but it has changed all this. Parents who have not done so, should visit and watch the school lunch program in action, or, much better, be scheduled with the P. T. A. group of parents for taking their turns in helping at school lunch time. Mrs. Taylor has done an excellent piece of organizing with the school lunch program. Parents should visit the school and note the use of the All-Purpose Room for indoor play and assemblies, should observe how the movable table-desks and chairs give flexibility to the classroom and how they allow a teacher of initiative and training to arrange the classroom for the best learning needs of the day in question. In the old buildings there were worn-out, screwed-down school

furniture of mongrel shapes and sizes. Parents should visit the nurse's clinic and the administration rooms where problems may be talked over. Mrs. Donaghue or Mrs. Felch could tell them about the remedial reading program which is designed to diagnose and give help to those pupils who may have faltered on fundamental reading techniques somewhere along the way, perhaps through absence or inattention. Over twenty-five years ago, Dean Henry W. Holmes, then of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, pronounced remedial reading to be the most significant advance in elementary education in the preceding decade, because good reading ability is fundamental to so much learning. Turning again to the building and its functioning possibilities, parents should observe the adequate lighting, both natural and artificial. They should see the audio-visual program in action; teaching is clarified in various school subjects by the use of the film strip. And parents should come some day when weather and footing are good, and observe the wholesome and healthful opportunities for play, exercise, and physical development afforded by good school playgrounds.

CONGESTION PROBLEM

It was unfortunate indeed that Merrimac's new elementary building had to be erected in a time of great inflation. The original hope for a sixteen-classroom building had to be abandoned because the lowest bid was beyond the reach of the funds at hand.

The first eight grades were put in the new 12-classroom elementary building. It was far from desirable, in fact it was barely possible, to crowd a rapidly growing

school system into the same number of rooms it had occupied in the old buildings. Devious means had to be found. It would have been a step backwards to put together the overflow of two upper grades. It would have meant taking specialized teachers from pupils on a junior high school level, and furthermore assigning sections of two such grades to one classroom. The school committee stood ready to organize the upper grades in an orthodox manner, with an approved number of pupils in a section of one grade only, and to house as many teacher-groups of the lower grades as were without classrooms in one of the old buildings, with movable furniture. It voted, however, upon the urgent request of the building committee, to put the entire eight grades for the first school year into the new building. In order to do so, and at the same time to keep specialized teachers in grades seven and eight, it was necessary to set up for the year a sort of "sub-junior high," that is a specialized sixth-seventh-eighth grade school. This involved two administrative procedures that have little educational sanction: First, some specialization of regular subjects on a sixth grade level, and second, some teaching units which were much larger than optimum size and larger even than the approved maximum for efficiency.

The increase in size of Merrimac enrollment during the past few years has been phenomenal. During the last of October, 1952, a survey of national school enrollments was published by Engelhardt, Engelhardt, and Leggett, Consultants to Boards of Education in the determination of school building needs and the planning of school buildings. Using the tables in this study that apply only to elementary schools with eight grades, Merrimac's enrollment in 1952-53 should be 334, while actually it is 412, i. e., 78 more. The national increase in elementary enrollment (1-8) from the school year 1945-46 to the school year 1952-53 was 18.9% ; that of Merrimac was 49.3%

for the same period. These same consultants prophesy, from birth rates, an increase by the school year 1959-60 of 25.7% over the 1952-53 enrollment for grades one to eight. The question is — What percentage over the present 412 will Merrimac show at that time, that is, seven years hence? To use our own birth figures, and to look ahead to just first-grade enrollment for the moment, and for three years only, that is to September 1953, '54, and '55, we have the following considerations: Under our present entrance regulations the first grade of September, 1952 are children that were born in 1946. That year the town report of the clerk showed 45 births, but our actual September 1952 enrollment was 69. 1945 showed 32 births, but the enrollment of September 1951 was 57. This poses three good questions: First, With 62 born in 1947 how many will be in the first grade in September, 1953? How many in September 1954 with 50 born in 1948? How many in September 1955 with 63 born in 1949?

In September 1953 the school department figures that it needs three more teachers and three more classrooms. It faces not only the first grade problem but the problem of congestion in other grades. Where are the three extra classrooms to be found? Even if the high school pupils were sent outside and tuitions were paid, the present high school building does not lend itself to use as a junior high school because the small rooms can be used only for small classes in advanced elective subjects. If three adequate classrooms are not to be remodeled in one of the old buildings, and if an addition is at present out of reach financially, what choice is left but to use the new building with platoons? Legally, of course, it is the duty of the school committee to decide what is to be done, but the authority of the school committee is limited by the willingness or the financial ability of the town to furnish facilities and running expenses.

ENROLLMENTS

On the first of October the enrollment of Merrimac public schools was 518, distributed as follows: At New Elementary 412, at High School 106. Further distribution was — At New Elementary, Grade I, 69, Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Whiting; Grade II, 51, Mrs. Verrette and Mrs. Davis; Grade III, 41, Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Davis; Grade IV, 56, Mrs. Dowd and Mrs. Higginbotham; Grade V, 60, Mrs. Hume and Mrs. Higginbotham; Grade VI, 46, homeroom teachers Mr. Patchett and Mr. Nute; Grade VII, 53, homeroom teachers Mrs. Wolfe and Mr. Nute; Grade VIII, 36, homeroom teacher Mr. Noone. Total New Elementary School, 412, Mrs. Donaghue, Principal, and Mrs. Felch Vice-Principal and teacher of remedial reading. At High School: Grade IX, 30; X, 29; XI, 25; XII, 22. Total High School, 106, Mr. Morrow, Principal, Miss Phelan, Miss Gullage, Mr. Bernasconi, Miss Webster, Mr. Mansfield.

TEACHING STAFF

During 1952 there were several changes in the teaching staff. In the high school, at the end of January, Mr. Richard H. Norton resigned. His place was filled by Mr. Rene Bernasconi, Jr., of Barre, Vermont, who had just completed his Master's degree in education at Tufts. Mr. Bernasconi is a graduate of Spaulding High School in Barre, of Vermont Junior College in Montpelier (class salutatorian), and of McGill University, 1950, with the bachelor's degree. His Master's degree at Tufts Graduate School of Education was finished at mid-year, that is, in early 1952, just before taking his position in Merrimac High School. Mr. Bernasconi is primarily the

teacher of natural sciences. This year it is general science, biology and chemistry.

On April 4 Mr. Ashlyn M. Huyck, high school principal, resigned. For the remainder of the school year Mr. Edward S. Morrow, a member of the staff serving his fifth year, and athletic coach, was elected acting principal. Beginning in September Mr. Morrow was made Principal of Merrimac High School. Mr. Huyck's mathematics were taken over on April 7, for the rest of the school year, by Mr. William H. Whiting, Jr., who had just received his bachelor's degree from Bowdoin. For September Mr. Whiting was elected on the staff of the upper grades of the New Elementary School, with added duties in physical education and athletics, but he entered the armed forces before his term of service began. For mathematics teacher beginning in September Mr. Rodney F. Mansfield of New Ipswich, New Hampshire, was appointed. Mr. Mansfield is a graduate of Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, 1948, and of the University of New Hampshire, 1952, with the bachelor's degree. He was on the Dean's List for all four years at college and was a member of the Men's Glee Club. His practice teaching was for fifteen weeks at Nashua High School.

On April 25, that is at spring vacation, Miss Antoinette Salerno, teacher of commercial subjects, resigned to be at home. For the remainder of the school year, through June, her classes were taken over by Mrs. Helen Coffey Vedrani of Amesbury, a graduate with the bachelor's degree of the commercial department at Salem Teachers College, 1952. For September, as commercial teacher, Miss Joan M. Webster of Beverly was elected. Miss Webster is a graduate of St. Mary's in Beverly, 1948, and of Salem Teachers College, 1952, with the bachelor's degree in business education. Her practice teaching was

for eight weeks at Holten High School in Danvers. During her last two years Miss Webster was on the President's List.

As principal of the New Elementary School, Mrs. Helen R. Donaghue was elected. Mrs. Donaghue, who through June was the principal of the Prospect Street School, had had over fourteen years of classroom experience, nearly eight of which were in Merrimac. By year-end it was already evident that the confidence of the superintendent and of the school committee in her were well vindicated. Mrs. Donaghue spent an arduous spring and summer in planning and proposing plans for organization and administration. The latter were made a project in a course "Administration and Supervision in the Elementary School" taken at the University of New Hampshire during the summer. The proposed plans were formulated under the guidance of Mr. Albert L. Hartman, who taught elementary administration at New Hampshire during the summer.

As vice-principal of the school and as teacher of remedial reading, Mrs. Miriam M. Felch was elected. Mrs. Felch had taught in Merrimac six years and had been principal of the Centre School through June. She and Mrs. Donaghue had studied audio-visual education with Assistant Professor Austin L. Olney at the University of New Hampshire. Before setting up the details of the audio-visual program, they spent much time and did shrewd shopping as assistant purchasing agents for the necessary materials. The fact that the American Association of School Administrators happened to meet in Boston this year afforded them opportunity to study the latest equipment exhibits of the companies making materials for schools. Mrs. Felch's and Mrs. Donaghue's program and materials for audio-visual education classroom help are as up-to-date as the school in which they are set up.

In the spring all teachers from grade one through eight, as listed in the directory printed in last year's school report, stayed through the end of the school year in June. For September, however, there were several new members of the staff.

As homeroom teacher in the eighth grade beginning in September, Mr. Frederick J. Noone of Merrimac was elected. Mr. Noone is a graduate of Merrimac High School, 1944, and of Boston College, 1951, with the bachelor's degree. During the school year ending in June, 1952, he was eighth grade teacher in the Porter Junior High School at Kezer Falls, Maine. Like all teachers in the sub-junior-high school on first floor, he teaches in different grades. His special teaching subject is mathematics, but each teacher has to take other subjects, because there are more subjects than there are teachers. Mr. Noone assists as an athletic coach of the high school boys.

Another new member of the upper-grade staff when school opened in September was Mr. Millard P. Nute of Groveton, New Hampshire. Mr. Nute is a graduate of Groveton High School, 1942, and of the University of New Hampshire, 1951, with the bachelor's degree. During the summer of 1952 he studied Audio-Visual Aids and Educational Tests and Measurements at the University of New Hampshire. For a homeroom in Merrimac Mr. Nute has been assigned to a combined overflow of grades six and seven, but the pupils pass for their studies from their homeroom to their respective class sections. Mr. Nute teaches physical education throughout the grades, in addition to his classroom teaching assignments, particularly social science. Like Mr. Noone, he also assists in coaching high school boys' athletics as well as the athletics of the upper grade boys. His work in physical education and athletics would not be possible when weather and

footing are bad, were it not for the all-purpose room.

Athletics for upper grade girls is coached by Mrs. Wolfe.

Mr. Patchett resigned at the end of December, to retire, and is to be replaced by Mrs. Gertrude Laurin of Exeter, New Hampshire, formerly of Merrimac.

A new part-time member of the upper grade staff is Mrs. Ruth N. (Harold R.) Parker of Merrimac. Mrs. Parker began on September 22 when it became evident that the class of 53 (seventh grade) would have to be divided into two sections for part or all of its studies if the year were to be a profitable one for it. The classrooms for such dividing were made possible by a teacher workshop study and re-arrangement of the program so that a classroom could be utilized while classes were at physical education, either on the playground or in the all-purpose room. Mrs. Parker comes three full days a week — Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Her background of training was Coker College, Hartsville, South Carolina, from which she has the bachelor's degree in 1942. Mrs. Parker taught at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, while she was doing graduate work at the University of North Carolina. Her special subject is science.

Another new member of the staff in September, replacing Mrs. Smith, was Mrs. Ruth Woodard Higginbotham of Amesbury. She was assigned to a combined section of grades five and six. Mrs. Higginbotham is a graduate of Amesbury High School, 1925, and of the University of New Hampshire, 1929, with the bachelor's degree. She has studied at Boston University Graduate School of Education for a year and a half, and has taken courses for one summer at New Hampshire and for two summers at Hyannis. She has had over eighteen years of teaching experience.

The following members of the Merrimac staff have completed credits during 1952 for courses approved for professional advancement:

At the University of New Hampshire:

Audio-Visual Materials in the Elementary and Secondary Schools — Mrs. Donaghue and Mrs. Felch.

Improvement of Reading — Mrs. Felch.

Workshop in Reading and other Language Arts — Mrs. Felch.

Administration and Supervision of the Elementary School — Mrs. Donaghue.

At Boston University:

(Ext.) Home and School Relations — Mrs. Verrette.

In the fall Mrs. Verrette was studying two courses at Boston University: (1) Teaching of Primary Grades and (2) Teaching Language Arts.

Miss Phoebe Arnold, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, replaced Mrs. Emmet Cleveland in the fall as teacher of Nature Study and Conservation in the fifth grade sections. Miss Arnold lives at Topsfield Sanctuary.

GRADUATIONS

On Tuesday evening, June 17, at Sargent Hall, a class of thirty-two pupils, consisting of sixteen boys and sixteen girls, graduated from the eighth grade, Prospect

Street School. Twelve were honor pupils: Frances Atwood, Ernest Brooks, Ralph Fowler, Eugene Getchell, 3rd, Constance Hoyt, Thomas Hurley, Leonard O'Brien, Rodney Phipps, Barbara Sargent, Carol Sharkey, Jane Sweetsir, and Maxine Tobin. The class gift, books for the school library, was presented by Leonard O'Brien. The music, under the direction of Mrs. Currier, was superior as usual. The valedictory was by Barbara Sargent and the salutatory by Jane Sweetsir. Diplomas were presented by Mr. Alfred E. Lambert, Jr.

On Thursday evening, June 19, at Sargent Hall, a class of 23 pupils, consisting of fifteen boys and eight girls, graduated from the Merrimac High School. The valedictory was by George Larkin and the salutatory by Margaret Weigel. The award for excellence in history went to Noreen Quimby. This medal is given by Sons of Veterans of the American Revolution. The D. A. R. Good Citizenship Award went to Patricia Joralmon. Richard Emery received a special award for six years without tardiness or absence from school, and the Varsity Club Award for Sportsmanship and athletic ability. Diplomas were presented by Mr. Howard L. DeLong, Chairman of the School Committee.

STANDARDIZED TESTS

The annual standardized achievement tests for all pupils in grades one to eight were given in the spring. Not all grades can of course be given all ten tests. In the first grade there are only reading, vocabulary, and numbers (arithmetic). In the second grade spelling and arithmetic problems are added. In the third grade, grammar is added. Grades four to eight add literature,

history, geography, and science, that is, they take all ten tests. The results (medians) of the tests given are averaged, so that there is a total or average score of the medians of all subjects that each class is given. In 1952, medians were compared not only with the standard median, but with the medians of the other three towns in the district.

1952 test results showed the total or average median of each of the eight grades to be above the standard median for the grade in question. The second grade acceleration was nine months, which was the highest second grade acceleration in the district. The seventh grade acceleration was ten months, but was exceeded by Newbury and West Newbury. The following class medians were the highest in the district for their respective grades and subjects: In the first grade, numbers. In the second grade, reading, spelling, numbers, and number problems. In the sixth grade, arithmetic computation. In the eighth grade, English grammar. The latter subject showed the highest single grade-subject acceleration in Merrimac — two school years lacking one month. The following showed acceleration of over a year, but were not the highest in the district: In the fourth grade, grammar and reading. In the seventh grade, grammar, literature, vocabulary, and history. In the eighth grade, literature and geography. In science, the lack of laboratory facilities was plainly evident. Although science was above median in grades five, six, and seven, it was four months below in the eighth. The science graph showed the science median to be the lowest in the district.

The foregoing data tell where class medians stood in May, 1952, regardless of whether the growth was during the school year closing in 1952 or in some previous school year. The following data compare the medians of 1952 with those of the same class in 1951, for the purpose of

determining the amount of growth within the school year. The second grade showed the greatest total or average year-growth of any second grade in the district. Its outstanding subject was numbers. The sixth grade beat the district for growth within the year in reading, vocabulary, arithmetic computation, and science. In the following grades and subjects the growth within the school year was excellent (well over a year) but was not the highest in the district. In the fourth grade, reading (over two years), vocabulary, and arithmetic computation. In the fifth grade, reading. In the sixth grade, geography. In the seventh grade, vocabulary, spelling, science. In the eighth grade, arithmetic computation, and geography.

GENERAL SCHOOL NOTES

At the high school Mr. Edward S. Morrow has given a wise and modern administration, both as acting principal in the spring and as full principal in September. He has demonstrated how much profit there is to a school when a principal has devoted time to systematic training in school administration, if his knowledge is applied with human understanding. Mr. Morrow issued a Merrimac High School Guide Book for Students and Parents. His annual report will be found elsewhere in this school report.

The custodian of the high school building beginning in September has been Mr. Arthur R. Clark, who has done an excellent job.

During 1952 considerable was done at the high school. In the basement the boys' toilets were repaired and painted, and four new urinals were installed. The girls' toilets were also repaired and painted. The floors of the

history and English rooms were sanded during the summer, and later the refinishing of floors was extended to the downstairs corridor, principal's office, upstairs corridor, and small language room. The worn-out desks in the history room were replaced by the best desks from Prospect Street School. New outlets for electric clocks were installed. For the English room modern school furniture was added throughout. For the commercial department three old typewriters were replaced besides three new typewriters which were added. A new mimeograph replaced the worn-out one. The fund for the purchase of an opaque projector was increased by \$100 in the spring by a gift from the P. T. A. For Good Government Day, the second Friday in March, the elected representative was George Larkin. On May 14 a proficiency test in typewriting and shorthand was given at the high school by the Massachusetts Employment Division. Merrimac High stood the highest, both in shorthand speed and in typewriting speed and accuracy, of groups tested up to that point. Most of Northern Essex County had already been covered. Particularly creditable performance was by Barbara Dudley. Comparisons were by class medians: On May 14 Mr. Roland Darling of the public relations department at Northeastern University, talked to the girls, then to the boys, on guidance and college entrance. The year had its full round of activities. Besides the senior play, coached by Miss Gullage, and the Glee Club Spring Concert of June 6 for the benefit of the piano fund, and the athletics, school activities included such events as the Junior Prom on May 23, with its Stork Club setting, and a Leap Year Dance on October 10.

The story of the functioning of the elementary school since its opening in September is told in the report of the principal, which is part of this school report. It is followed by a report of junior high school basketball by Mrs. Wolfe and Mr. Nute. The custodian of the new school has

been Mr. Kenneth E. Haskell, who has done an excellent job. Beginning in January he will be assisted by Mr. Guy E. Sheldon. On March 27 the school committee, superintendent, and teachers met at the new building and began the planning of rooms and assignments. Just before the close of school in June, pupils helped teachers with the moving. The boys of grades seven and eight helped to move the books and materials of the lower grades from the Central School. Four boys were assigned to each teacher.

Our excellent school lunch staff is Mrs. Isabel I. Taylor, manager, assisted by Mrs. Margaret S. Martin and Mrs. Amber M. Murdock. Attention is called to Mrs. Taylor's report.

At the year-end Mrs. Ruth N. Parker is starting to assist in the organization of a new school library.

During the spring the Prospect Street School entered the First Annual Track Meet at the County school at Hathorne. Blue ribbons were won by Patricia Sweeney for a fifty-yard dash and by Francis Reilly for softball throw. For these and other events four Merrimac seventh-eighth grade pupils won second place and seven won third place. On June 10 the seventh and eighth grades visited Peabody Museum at Harvard and took in many sights in the afternoon.

Six Merrimac pupils continued violin lessons with Mrs. Margaret Printon through the spring. This school year there are five.

On April 12 there was a scrap drive for added materials for the new school. On May 21 the Merrimac Teachers Association held its annual dinner at the Little Red School House. On May 29 there was a combined Memorial Day celebration at Sargent Hall.

At the annual meeting of the union school committee on April 29, Mr. Alfred E. Lambert, Jr., was elected chairman for the district, comprising Merrimac, Newbury, Salisbury, and West Newbury.

TRANSPORTATION

On the first of October, 245 of the 518 Merrimac public school pupils (47.3%) were transported regularly by the Massachusetts Northeastern Transportation Company. 114 pupils rode an average of at least one and one-half miles each way each school day. The 245 transported pupils included 47 of the 106 high school pupils and 198 of the 412 elementary pupils. From Birchmeadow there were 59, from Bear Hill 44, from Lake Attitash 60, from Merrimacport 71, and from East Haverhill direction 11.

VOCATIONAL

Many Merrimac citizens of all ages registered for vocational work in Haverhill during 1952. In the fall at the Haverhill Trade School three boys registered for auto repair and one for machine shop. In the spring eight registered at the Haverhill Evening Trade Extension. The courses taken were various: auto repair, carpentry, plumbing, welding, sheet metal, machine shop, and diversified apprentice work. In the fall at the Haverhill Evening Vocational School eleven registered. The courses taken were: auto repair, welding, machine shop, radio and electronics, upholstery, rug braiding for home use, and slip covers.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Featuring the beginning of the high school calendar in 1952 was the again brilliant showing of the girls and boys basketball teams. Both teams finished with a 7 and 1 record in the league and were crowned champions in their respective divisions. Working as a unit both teams went on to win in the tournament and repeat a feat of dual championship which has only been done once before and proudly enough, that was by Merrimac. The girls were, as usual, well coached by Miss Isabelle Phelan and a well deserved vote of appreciation goes to Mr. William Whiting for taking over in the emergency and guiding the boys to victory in the tournament. This added four more beautiful trophies to our collection which now brings it to the amazing total of twenty-five.

Members of the Girls' championship team:

Noreen Quimby	LeAnn Dressler
Ruth Lord	Dorothy Wechezak
Elizabeth Weigel	Olive Watson
Joan Keller	June Hartwell
Natalie Haskell	Virginia Seymour
Bethel Nicol	Beverly Blackden, Mgr.

Patricia Joralmon—Captain

Members of the Boys' championship team:

George Larkin	Robert Kimbrell
Donald Dudley	Joseph St. Jean
David Marshall	David Scott
David Chase	Donald Spofford
Gary Bertram	Bernard Connors
Leonard Tilton	John Beauvais, Mgr.
	Harold Ford, Mgr.

Richard Emery—Captain

Under the very able direction of Miss Joan Gullage, of the high school faculty, the Senior Class of 1952 presented the three act mystery-comedy, "Jumping Jewels" at the Grange Hall. A large audience was present to witness the two performances which was a big help financially to the Senior Class for their trip to Washington.

Members of the cast included:

George Nicol	David Chase
Patricia Tilton	Patricia Joralmon
Margaret Weigel	George Heald
Barbara Dudley	Margaret Rines
Richard Emery	Thomas Lund
Ann Ferguson	

The Federal Milk Program was continued and thus bringing milk to the high school students at a very reasonable cost.

The Seniors went on their class trip during their April vacation and were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morrow. Three days were spent in New York visiting the Empire State Building, Radio City, Statue of Liberty, Times Square and other interesting sights of the Big City. The real educational part of the trip was spent in Washington seeing the many historical sights and some of the students were even fortunate enough to have caught a passing glimpse of the President. The trip was conducted by the Green Tours of Lynn.

The spring athletic program consisted of non-league softball play by the girls and coached by Miss Isabelle Phelan. The boys played eight league games and although they were not champions of the league they distinguished themselves by defeating the league champions, Georgetown.

The Glee Club, which has established itself as being one of the finest high school groups of its kind in this section of the state, gave a Spring Concert under the most capable leadership of its fine director, Mrs. Doris Currier. It was presented at Sargent Hall for the benefit of the Piano Fund and considerable donations were raised through a silver collection. Just recently this group was given considerable praise by the officials of Radio Station WHAV for a fine radio recording.

In September a series of new courses were added to the school curriculum to aid students in making better preparation for future adjustment. Through the use of a questionnaire, which was sent to the alumni that continued their education, we were able to obtain their viewpoints as to how we could further aid students in their preparation for college. It was responsible for the establishment of a college orientation course for which Miss Joan Gullage volunteered her instruction. Miss Gullage also is giving a course in French III which will assure prospective college students of a good background in this language.

Also reintroduced was a course in law and for the first time a course in psychology. The desire for the latter was evident by the need of Seniors to have some background in the problem of adjustment which becomes so necessary in the period following graduation.

We have also returned to the rotary arrangement of classes to facilitate a more even and just arrangement of classes.

The school year is a very busy one and as I end this attempt at trying to bring you the highlights of our program, I find new events already beginning to creep into the picture. In closing, I would like to express my personal appreciation to Dr. John C. Page, the School Committee,

and my faculty for the fine spirit of co-operation they have shown in extending our high school program.

EDWARD MORROW

1951 - 1952 Honor Roll

Seniors	High Honor
	George Larkin Noreen Quimby
	Honor
	Patricia Joralmon David Marshall Margaret Weigel
Juniors	High Honor
	John Leonard Bachelder Gary Bertram Beverly Blackden Stephen Hoppe Elizabeth Weigel
	Honor
	Natalie Haskell Joan Keller Ruth Lord
Sophomores	High Honor
	Sally Stuart Marilyn Wolfe Dorothy Wechezak
	Honor
	Florence Bixby Sandra Brennan Nancy Comley Dorothy Reynolds

Freshmen	High Honor
	Patricia Flynn
	Virginia Kneeland
	Honor
	Sandra Turner

Curriculum of Merrimac High School

English I-II-III-IV	Mathematics
Social Sciences	Business Arithmetic
Civics	Elementary Algebra
*European History	Advanced Algebra
U. S. History	Plane Geometry
Problems of Democracy	*Solid Geometry
*Law	*Trigonometry
Psychology	Commercial
Orientation (College)	Type I
Sciences	Type II
General Science	Shorthand I
Biology	Shorthand II
*Chemistry	*Bookkeeping I
*Physics	*Bookkeeping II
Languages	Office Practice
Latin I	
Latin II	
French I	
French II	
French III	

*Offered on alternate years.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The aim of the American educational system of to-

day are to equip the student to live a good life emotionally, to the best of his ability intellectually and to develop into a citizen worthy of our democracy. With these aims in mind our new school was opened.

We have tried to give the children the guided responsibility of the new building as something beautiful and useful given to them by their community. They have responded by showing pride and care for it.

One of the first problems to be faced was that of traffic. With an enrollment of over four hundred this problem was one which involved buses, bicycles and pedestrians leaving the grounds simultaneously at dismissal time.

Bus ports were painted at the Locust Street entrance so each child would become familiar with his bus location quickly and safely. The lower hall is used as the waiting hall for the two late buses on stormy days. Pedestrian traffic was also sent out of this exit.

A bicycle meeting was held. Any child having a bicycle who might possibly ride to school during the year was invited to attend. There were one hundred fifty-one possible riders of which seventy-nine actually rode to school on that day. Previous to that meeting the bicycle racks had been placed on the upper end of the parking area. It was decided to have a space cleared across from the Union Street entrance and from that time on all bicyclists would enter and leave from the front entrance of the school building.

The first morning bell rings at 8:40. The last bell at 8:45. Doors are open for the children when the first bell rings. On stormy days or on extremely cold days the doors are opened at 8:30.

A Safety Patrol has been established which works in conjunction with the Police Department. It is made up of members of the eighth grade. The work of this patrol is to take the children to the crossings and give caution. The responsibility of vehicular traffic is that of the police. When carried on in this manner the life of no child is ever in jeopardy.

A student government has been formed in grades 6, 7 and 8. The members of the student council are: President, Fred Heath; Secretary, Sheela Fowler; Treasurer, Robert Fryer; Class representatives, Audrey Leighton, John McCarron, David Cummings, Paul Ross, Patricia Sweeney and Nancy Harrington. The student government functions only in these grades but it is hoped that it may soon expand to all grades.

A Record Hop was held Thanksgiving Eve under the sponsorship of the Student Council. The attendance was good and all who were there took part in the dances. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Noone, Miss Charlotte Haskell, Mr. Daniel Gulesian, Mrs. Doris Currier, Mrs. Helen Donaghue and Mr. Millard Nute made up the hosts and hostesses. A silver collection was taken at the door which made the first Student Council venture a financial as well as social success.

On November 10th dedication of two new flags for our auditorium was held. Exercises were given by representatives of the various grades and were attended by all of the children and faculty, parents and friends. Honor Guests were the ones who gave the flags. Chief Maurice Carey represented the Police Department and presented the Flag of Massachusetts as a gift from that department. Miss Carol Joralmon responded with our thanks. Robert Fryer thanked Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clarke, Sr., who presented an American Flag in memory of their two sons who gave the supreme sacrifice of life itself for

our country, Pfc. Lorin G. Clarke and Chief Petty Officer Harold W. Clarke. David Clarke, son of Harold, who is in grade 1, took part in the program by reciting "The Flag I Love."

At Thanksgiving time a program was held to which the High School students and faculty were invited. This was something I wish each citizen of Merrimac could have seen. Approximately five hundred twenty-five children, young ladies and young gentlemen all assembled in the new gym which you have provided for them. I believe it would have given you a thrill of pride and satisfaction to have seen all of your youngsters "gather together to ask the Lord's blessing."

This program was sponsored by the Student Council and nicely led by its president, Fred Heath.

We have been extremely fortunate in having two new subjects added to our curriculum. Remedial reading is now being taught by Mrs. Miriam Felch. This subject gives to the child who finds reading to be difficult the extra attention and instruction that he needs to progress more rapidly. Audio-visual aids have also been added. This equipment is used by the classroom teachers. We now have a Bogen Record Player, a Viewlex Slide and Filmstrip Machine, a Bell and Howell Movie Projector, a Beseler Opaque Projector and a Bogen Public Address System.

An accumulative record is now being made on each child. To this date the child's record was kept in various places, in the nurse's office, his health record, at the superintendent's office, his testing record and with his individual teacher, his scholastic record up to date. All this data and more will now be kept on file in an individual folder for each child in the principal's office. It is hoped that this will enable all who are concerned with the wel-

fare of a child to contribute any fact which will help in the work of aiding him to acquire the ability to get along with others, to improve scholastically and to develop into the citizen which you and I hope our girls and boys of Merrimac will become.

I wish to thank the folks who have given me aid and kindly constructive help in setting up this new school. The old saying that two heads are better than one is so true and especially in our American democratic way of living do we appreciate the thoughts of all. My sincere thanks to Dr. Page and the members of the Merrimac School Committee for their encouragement and help to me and their desire for the best for each individual child under their care and supervision.

HELEN R. DONAGHUE

REPORT OF COACHES OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Due to the wider opportunities offered by our new gymnasium, two enthusiastic groups of thrity-three girls and forty boys reported for practice late in November. From the two groups, sixteen girls and thirteen boys were chosen to represent their school as varsity squads to play the following schedule:

Teams	Date
West Newbury at Merrimac	Dec. 9
Newbury at Merrimac	Jan. 6
Merrimac at Salisbury	Jan. 15
West Newbury at Merrimac	Jan. 20
Newbury at Merrimac	Jan. 27
Salisbury at Merrimac	Feb. 5

At the end of this season an intramural tournament will be scheduled within the school so that every girl and boy may have the opportunity to participate actively in some game.

MRS. CORNELIA WOLFE

MR. MILLARD NUTE

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF ART

Working with such materials as colored paper, crayons, water colors and clay, many fine pieces of Art work have been created by the children in the different grades since last year's report.

Last Spring, the sixth grade, for example, obtained some local clay and proceeded to process it, model it, and paint it with tempera, creating some remarkable pieces of pottery. As much of this work as possible was placed in the Town Library. Through the efforts of the teacher concerned, this was possible. Many of the teachers realize that Art is flexible enough to be integrated with regular subjects and use it as an aid to add clarity.

In all grades, the Art work is of good quality and to list the various projects covered would take too much space. However, the major aims of the Art program attempt to encourage practical applications of Art in the home and community through the proper use of color, form, and design.

Much has been done to develop the Art education in Merrimac schools.

RICHARD J. HERMAN

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

My report is herewith submitted dating from Jan. 1, 1952 to Dec. 31, 1952.

Number of school visits	133
Number of home visits	113

The children in the 1st, 4th, and 8th grades and any other child whom the teachers thought necessary had their eyes tested with the Visual Testing Machine.

Number tested	174
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The same grades were tested with the Audiometer for hearing.

Number tested	186
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The Tuberculin Patch test was held for all pupils in High School (with parent's consent) by Dr. Davis.

Number tested	95
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The Diphtheria Clinic was held at Center School by Dr. Davis on March 17, April 14, and May 12.

Number receiving 3 shots of Diphtheria Tetanus and Whooping Cough	14
Number receiving Booster shots	83

The Pre-School Clinic was held at Center School on May 11, by Dr. Davis.

Number of pupils registered	63
Number given physical examination by Dr. Davis	

44.

Under the new state law only three grades will have a complete physical examination each year. The grades in Merrimac to have this examination are First, Fifth and

Ninth grades. Any child attending the Pre-School Clinic will not be examined. Parents may have their own doctor give this examination at their expense.

The examination includes urinalysis (for sugar) and blood hemoglobin which are new to the examination this year.

Dr. Davis has examined under the new state law this year 47.

The regular physical exam has been given to all pupils in High School and Junior High who may participate in sports.

ANNIE L. GLEED,

REPORT OF SCHOOL LUNCH MANAGER

The following is a statistical report of the operations of the Lunch Room, at the New Elementary School.

The Hot Lunch Program has been favorably received by the pupils, teachers, and parents.

From the first day lunches were served, September 8, 1952, through December 18, 1952, we have served an average of 269 Type A Lunches per day and an average of 31 Type C Lunches.

The cost per Type A Meal, to the pupil, is twenty-five cents each and the State reimburses the Town nine

cents per meal. However, in order for the State to reimburse the Town nine cents per meal, each meal must meet the required menu pattern of:— one of the following protien rich foods: 2 oz. Meat, Poultry or Fish, $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Dried Peas or Beans, Peanut Butter or one Egg.

In addition:

$\frac{3}{4}$ Cup Vegetable or Fruit, 1 Slice Enriched Bread, 2 Tsps. Butter or Oleo, $\frac{1}{2}$ Pt. Whole Unflavored Milk. Although not required, we have included a dessert with each meal.

On the Type C. Lunch, which consists of $\frac{1}{2}$ Pt. of Milk, purchased by the pupils that carry their lunch, the cost is four cents per day and the State reimburses the Town two cents each.

Out of Revenue additional equipment for the Lunch Room has been purchased, which was needed to facilitate the serving of meals, one item being a Steam Table.

We were very fortunate to have Mr. H. M. Waterhouse loan us an Electric Milk Cooler that holds over 300 bottles of Milk.

Also, Dr. J. Hawes very generously gave the Lunch Room a 1,000 Pound Deep Freeze Unit, that will come in very handy for storing frozen food received from the State.

I wish at this time to thank all of the citizens who have worked so hard to make this program a success.

ISABEL L. TAYLOR, B.S.

GRADUATES, 1952

Merrimac High School: John Edward Beauvais, Ernest Francis Boetti, Gerald Elwin Buzzell, David Chapman Chase, Barbara Ann Dudley, Donald Edward Dudley, Jr., Richard Warren Emery, Ann Jane Ferguson, Harold Ramsdell Ford, Jr., Richard Bruce Grant, George Grover Heald, Patricia Helen Joralmon, George Duncan Larkin, Thomas Putney Lund, David Howard Bradford Marshall, Ann Helen Murphy, George Edward Nicol, Richard Greeley Noone, John Jeremiah O'Brien, Jr., Noreen Isabel Quimby, Margaret Anne Rines, Patricia Joan Tilton, Margaret Ann Weigel.

Grade 8: Frances Joan Atwood, Betsy Jane Barber, Robert Avon Beauvais, Ernest Haskell Brooks, R. Richard Fowler, Eugene Maxwell Getchell, III, Sally Ann Gillen, Fred A. Gurley, Charlie Oscar Haynes, Constance Anne Hoyt, Thomas Henry Hurley, Norman A. Jacques, Helen Frances Keller, Richard Dix Knight, Jeannette Larkin, Dorothy Irene Morrill, Marie Jane Murphy, Carol Joan Nicol, Leonard Paul O'Brien, Albert Russell Openshaw, Rodney Galbraith Phipps, Charles Milton Prescott, Barbara May Sargent, Carol Jean Sharkey, Frank B. Sharkey, Marjorie Lee Smith, Gregoire Omer St.Hilaire, Bruce Herbert Stimpson, Jane Lea Sweetsir, Carolyn Maxine Tobin, Lorna Lee Turgeon, Edrie Mae Verombeck.

ATTENDANCE HONOR ROLL

HIGH SCHOOL Ruth Elizabeth Lord, *****Richard
Warren Emery.

PROSPECT STREET SCHOOL:

Grade 8: Charles Oscar Haynes, Fred Albert Hurley.

Grade 7: ****Clifton Bixby, Wayne Merritt.

MERRIMACPORT SCHOOL:

Grade 6: John Buzzelle.

Grade 5: John Thompson.

CENTRE SCHOOL:

Grade 4: Brenda Sanborn, Dianne Staples, Arlene
Wechezak.

Grade 3: None.

Grade 2: None.

Grade 1: None.

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